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Disappointed but not surprised

Area leaders react to state's new COVID-19 restrictions

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

Area business leaders are disappointed by new COVID-19 restrictions announced Sunday, but most are not surprised.

"A measure like this had to be taken with the rise in cases," Arthur Havlicek, president and CEO of the Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber, said Monday. "It's always going to be a little bit of good and a little bit of bad. I'm pleased that it's better than we saw earlier this year, but my heart goes out to our local establishments that this might be the final nail in the coffin."

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Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's administration on Sunday ordered high schools and colleges to stop in-person classes, closed restaurants to indoor dining and suspended organized prep sports.

Havlicek said the business community appreciates the more targeted approach than some of the orders issued earlier in the year.

"Many industries were able to stay open, like retail and hair salons, and that makes a lot of sense. The data has not shown those are necessarily where the virus is spreading," he said.

He said some of the seemingly arbitrary aspects of the new order, like keeping K-8 school open, is directly related to concentration of outbreaks.

"That's the kind of data-drive approach we want to see," Havlicek said. "Though, I have concerns about high schools closing, just from a workplace standpoint. It adds further stress for those who can't work from home and take care of the kids."

The order also restricts indoor and outdoor residential gatherings, bans gyms from hosting group exercise classes, and closes some entertainment facilities, like movie theaters.

Scott Moore, vice president of Moore Theatres, said he and his staff are not excited about the decision to close movie theaters again.

"But we understand the circumstances of why it's happening," he said. "We just wish everyone to be safe, stay healthy, mask up, wash your hands, social distance and we'll see you at the movies

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Whitmer: I have authority to issue latest order

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING – Gov. Gretchen Whitmer said Monday she has the authority to issue a second stay-at-home order to curb the spiking coronavirus if necessary and called a comment by an adviser to President Donald Trump urging people to "rise up" against Michigan's latest restrictions "incredibly reckless."

The Democratic governor spoke with Capitol reporters a day after announcing limits amid a surge of COVID-19 cases that has led to increased hospitalizations and deaths. Other Midwest states are facing similar second waves as the weather cools, and she has urged the public to "double down" with precautions to avoid a shelter-in-place order like what was instituted in the spring.

Whitmer responded to a tweet sent Sunday night by Scott Atlas, a science adviser to Trump, who urged

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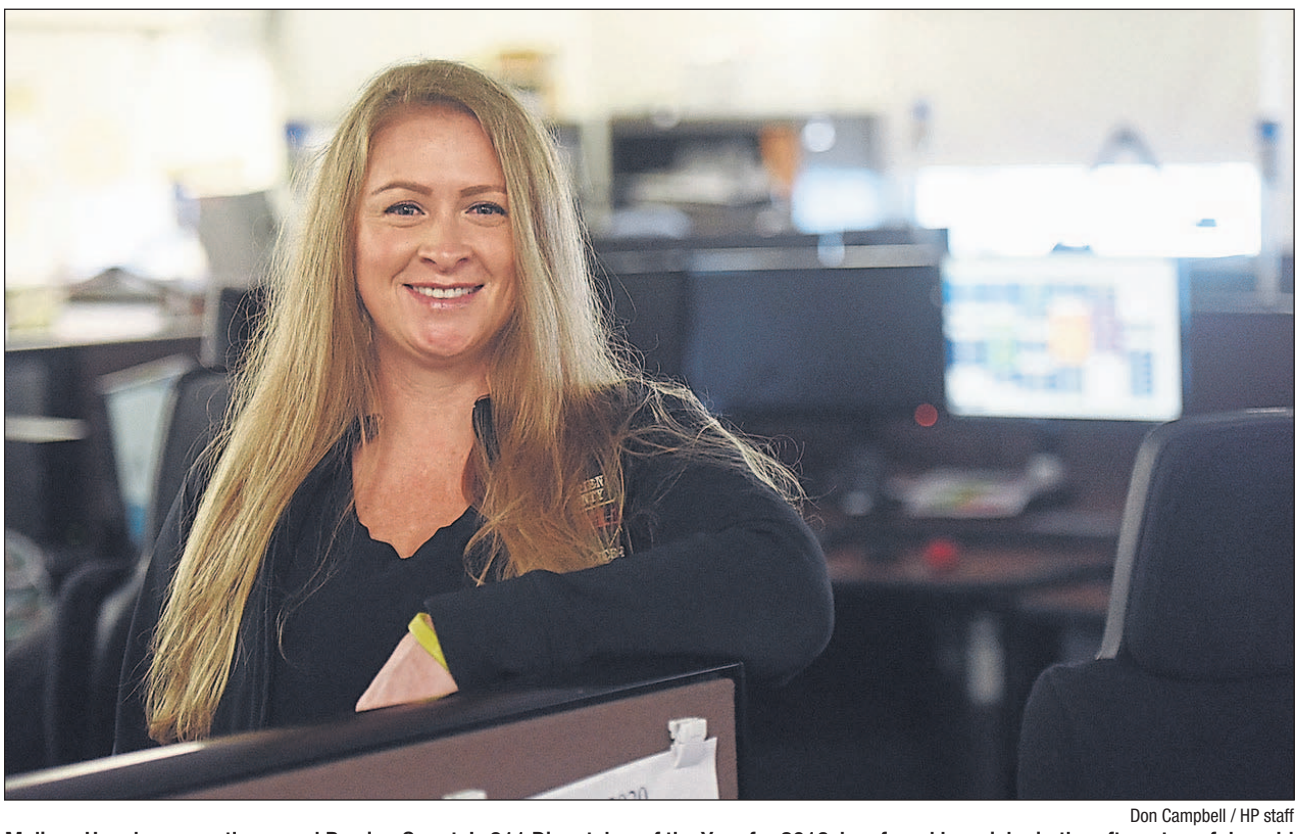

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Melissa Hensley, recently named Berrien County's 911 Dispatcher of the Year for 2019, has found her niche in the often stressful world of dealing with emergencies.

Putting it all on the line

Dispatcher of the Year winner discusses the unusual life of a 911 dispatcher

When Ron Weaver of Baroda called 911 on Dec. 14, his pickup truck was upside down in a flooded ditch and the cab was filling with water.

On the other end of the line was Melissa Hensley. Her calm demeanor and the work of rescuers led to Weaver being pulled from the truck, saving his life.

Hensley was recently named Berrien County's Dispatcher of the Year for 2019, having been nominated by her peers at the 911 Dispatch Center in Benton Township.

She sat down with Herald-Palladium Staff Writer Julie Swidwa to talk about the successful rescue and her job as a dispatcher.

Q&A
MELISSA HENSLEY

Why did you want to become an emergency dispatcher?

Ever since I was little I thought it was the neatest thing ever. And I always wanted to do it. I had a business for awhile, then there was a position that opened up here so I applied for it and got it.

What drew your attention to this type of work as a kid?

I'm not sure, I think it was TV shows that just made me really curious about it. Helping people, working with people and the team, and the police and fire.

I imagine it's different than on TV though?

Yes, it is different than on TV.

Tell me about the call you took that led to this award.

Well the caller said he had wrecked his truck and was upside down in a ditch. I asked if he was taking on water and he was. And he said there was no way he could get out.

So I just let him know that everybody's coming. I've got help already coming for him. Got a tow truck coming. He was afraid that they wouldn't be able to get him out because it was flipped over and smashed up. So I just kept him on the phone and kept him calm and had my partner call his wife for him because he asked me to.

I knew those ditches where he went in because I know the area. I knew that they are big and deep and they take on a lot of water. We got everybody there quickly. They were able to save him.

Were you scared, yourself?

No. I was just focused on helping him.

Was he relatively calm?

Yes. He did amazing. He was pretty calm for being in his situation, and taking on water.

What kind of suggestions were you able to give him?

I just asked him, if he broke a window, would he be able to get out, and he said no, because his cab was smashed. It was upside down in a big drainage ditch, and they fill up with water. I know a couple week's before that it was full of water. I mean full. Like he probably wouldn't have made it if it was a couple weeks earlier.

He was trapped in there. I just kept asking him, how much water is in the truck now. I was trying to gauge how fast that truck was filling up with water. If you see the video of it, it's crazy because there's no way he'd have been able to get out of there. If he had broken a window out, it would have just filled up with water.

The rescuers when they got there, some of them were pushing up against the truck to get it on its side a little. They broke the window, and tried to pull him out. He eventually said grab my arm, I think I can get out, and then they pulled him out.

You mentioned to me earlier that you don't find this job stressful.

I come to work to relax. I like it. I love my job. There are stressful situations in this job. But I don't feel that it stresses ME. It doesn't, it's not stressful to me.

Have you always had a calm demeanor?

Yes.

Do people around you get stressed sometimes?

It depends on the person. We're all pretty focused on what we're doing in the moment. We're all really well trained and we're a great team. So we all help

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Gorenflo picks winner in deadlocked race

Recount awaits in contest for District 5 county board seat

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Republican Bruce Gorenflo won the drawing of lots Monday to be named the Berrien County commissioner for District 5, which includes St. Joseph, Shoreham and precincts 1 and 2 of St. Joseph Township.

He and Democrat Rayonte Bell each received 3,934 votes in the Nov. 3 election, which the Berrien County Board of Canvassers recently confirmed.

Gorenflo said he's happy he won the drawing, but knows his win may be short-lived, depending how the recount goes. Both men said before the drawing that they would ask for a recount if they lost.

Gorenflo and Bell each drew a slip of paper out of a box, with one saying "ELECTED" and one saying "NOT ELECTED."

The candidates also congratulated each other for running a clean campaign on the issues and for not slinging mud at each other.

"We tried to keep it to what we stood for rather than what the other person stood for or didn't stand for," Gorenflo said after drawing lots at the Berrien County Courthouse.

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Gorenflo said he would have preferred that the votes were recounted first, to see if the race was still tied.

"It's kind of like a football game that ends in a tie and then you just have a coin flip that decides the winner rather than playing the overtime and making sure that every vote is counted," he said.

Berrien County Clerk Sharon Tyler said that the candidates have six days to ask for a recount once the board of canvassers fills out the paperwork and sends it to the state, which they are doing today. The recount can't start until after the Michigan Board of State Canvassers certifies the ballots, which they will start doing on Nov. 23. She said it could take the state a day or several days to certify the election results.

The recount will cost $25 per precinct.

Gorenflo, 63, said it's been a "surreal" year, between the COVID-19 pandemic and then having the race end in a tie.

Bell, 22, said he has enjoyed his first run for office and plans to run again in the future.

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Republican Bruce Gorenflo won the drawing Monday for the 5th District Berrien County commissioner seat. Both candidates received 3,934 votes in the Nov. 3 election.

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2nd virus vaccine shows striking success in tests

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
Associated Press

A second experimental COVID-19 vaccine – this one from Moderna Inc. – yielded extraordinarily strong early results Monday, another badly needed dose of hope as the pandemic enters a terrible new phase.

Moderna said its vaccine appears to be 94.5 percent effective, according to preliminary data from an ongoing study. A week ago, competitor Pfizer Inc. announced its own vaccine looked 90 percent effective – news that puts both companies on track to seek permission within weeks for emergency use in the U.S.

The results are "truly striking," said Dr. Anthony Fauci, the U.S. government's top infectious-diseases expert. "The vaccines that we're talking about, and vaccines to come, are really the light at the end of the tunnel."

A vaccine can't come fast enough, as virus cases topped 11 million in the U.S. over the weekend – 1 million of them recorded in just the past week – and governors and mayors are ratcheting up restrictions ahead of Thanksgiving. The outbreak has killed more than 1.3 million people worldwide, over 246,000 of them in the U.S.

Stocks rallied on Wall Street and around the world on rising hopes that the global economy could start returning to normal in the coming months. The Dow Jones Industrial Average gained more than 470 points, or 1.6 percent, to close at a record high of over 29,950. Moderna stock was up almost 10%.

Both vaccines require two shots, given several weeks apart. U.S. officials said they hope to have about 20 million Moderna doses and another 20 million of the vaccine made by Pfizer and its German partner BioNTech to use in late December.

Dr. Stephen Hoge, Moderna's president, welcomed the "really important milestone" but said having similar results from two different companies is what's most reassuring.

"That should give us all hope that actually a vaccine is going to be able to stop this pandemic and hopefully get us back to our lives," Hoge told The Associated Press. He added: "It won't be Moderna alone that solves this problem. It's going to require many vaccines" to meet the global demand.

If the Food and Drug Administration allows emergency use of Moderna's or Pfizer's candidate, there will be limited, rationed supplies before the end of the year.

Exactly who is first in line has yet to be decided. But Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar said the hope is that enough doses are available by the end of January to vaccinate adults over 65, who are at the highest risk from the coronavirus, and health care workers. Fauci said it may take until spring or summer before anyone who is not high risk and wants a shot can get one.

Pandemic politics leave D.C. in gridlock

By ZEKE MILLER and ANDREW TAYLOR
Associated Press

Andrew Harnik / AP

President-elect Joe Biden, accompanied by Vice President-elect Kamala Harris, speaks about economic recovery at The Queen theater, Monday, in Wilmington, Del.

WASHINGTON — With the nation gripped by a resurgent coronavirus and looking to Washington for help, President Donald Trump and lawmakers in Congress have a message for struggling Americans: Just keep waiting.

The urgency of the nationwide surge in virus cases, spiking hospitalizations and increasing death tolls has hardly resonated in the nation's capital as its leaders are vexed by transition politics and trying to capitalize on the promise of a coming vaccine. The virus has killed more than 247,000 Americans this year and infected at least 11.1 million – some 1 million of them in just the past week.

Yet in Congress, where talks over economic relief bills stalled out months ago, lame-duck approval of aid is hardly front-of-mind. Across town at the White House, Trump is more focused on getting credit for the vaccine development push and blocking President-elect Joe Biden from getting the information needed to ensure the new administration can smoothly take over the fight against the pandemic.

"Another Vaccine just announced," Trump tweeted Monday morning after Moderna announced that its candidate appeared in early testing to be 95 percent effective against the virus. "For those great 'historians', please remember that these great discoveries, which will end the China Plague, all took place on my watch!"

On a call Monday with governors, Vice President Mike Pence, who heads the White House coronavirus task force, struck a rosy tone and asked states to give their residents comfort that vaccines are coming and that "America and your state has never been more prepared."

That didn't stop Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards from appealing to Pence and Trump for a more unified message on the importance of social distancing and wearing masks. And Dr. Deborah Birx, the task force coordinator, reported that 27 states were in the "red zone" for widespread transmission of the virus – more widespread and worrisome than spikes seen earlier this year.

Biden, who has warned of a "dark winter" ahead on the virus, called for the Trump administration to share its vaccine distribution plans with his own incoming administration, warning that "more people may die if you don't coordinate."

Saying vaccine plans are vital to repairing the nation's economy, Biden said, "If we have to wait until Jan. 20 to start that planning, it puts us behind."

Biden said he was hopeful that Trump "will be mildly more enlightened before we get to Jan. 20." He said he understood Trump's "reluctance" to admit defeat and share his administration's plans but called it "a shame."

There's no progress in Congress yet, either. The split-decision election – in which Democrats absorbed sizable losses in House races despite defeating Trump – hasn't sparked any progress or prodded House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., or Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., to move from their pre-election postures.

Pelosi wants to go big, say $2 trillion; McConnell wants a smaller package in the $500 billion range that his rightward-tilting colleagues can live with. Moving toward somewhere in the middle would be difficult for both camps.

Trump is a disruptive factor on Capitol Hill and no deal is possible without his buy-in, or at least his signature. Without a better and more reliable signal of Trump's intentions, both McConnell and Pelosi could be wary of navigating the turbulence required to forge an agreement.

The results of the election have also weakened the negotiating position of Pelosi, who played hardball during the weeks leading up to the election, only to come away empty-handed. But she is not – yet – wavering from her insistence on a sweeping and comprehensive relief bill rather than the more targeted approach favored by Republicans.

And for now, Pelosi is devoting her energies to soothing her unhappy Democratic caucus in advance of leadership elections this week. It seems like the wrong moment to telegraph concessions to McConnell and the Republicans.

The two longstanding adversaries are formidable when their interests align, but their offices say they have not spoken since the election and don't know when they will. The sole must-pass legislation for the lame-duck session is a temporary spending bill to avert a government shutdown – or a broader governmentwide omnibus funding bill if negotiations go well. COVID relief could be an add-on to either bill.

"Frankly, our best chance to get some COVID relief might be to get a regular funding bill and put the most critical pieces of COVID relief on that," said Sen. Roy Blunt, R-Mo. "There seems to be more interest in trying to move an omnibus package and more serious discussion about that than I've heard so far about a COVID package."

Here comes Santa – with face masks and plexiglass

By JOSEPH PISANI
AP Retail Writer

Seth Wenig / AP

Jayden Dicks, 6, waves to Santa from the other side of a transparent barrier at a Bass Pro Shop in Bridgeport, Conn., on Tuesday.

NEW YORK — Santa Claus is coming to the mall – just don't try to sit on his lap.

Despite the pandemic – and the fact that Santa's age and weight put him at high risk for severe illness from the coronavirus – mall owners are going ahead with plans to bring him back this year.

But they are doing all they can to keep the jolly old man safe, including banning kids from sitting on his knee, no matter if they've been naughty or nice.

Kids will instead tell Santa what they want for Christmas from six feet away, and sometimes from behind a sheet of plexiglass. Santa and his visitors may need to wear a face mask, even while posing for photos. And some malls will put faux gift boxes and other decorations in front of Saint Nick to block kids from charging toward him.

Other safety measures include online reservations to cut down on lines, workers wiping down holiday-decorated sets, and hand sanitizer aplenty. Santa's hours are also getting cut to give him a break from crowds.

Macy's canceled its in-person visits this year, saying it couldn't provide a safe environment for the more than 250,000 people that show up to see Kriss Kringle at its New York flagship store.

But malls, which have struggled to attract shoppers for years, are not willing to kill a holiday tradition that is one of their biggest ways to lure people during the all-important holiday shopping season.

"You have to give them a reason to come or they'll stay home and shop online," says Michael Brown, who oversees the retail team at consulting firm Kearney.

More than 10 million U.S. households visited Santa in a mall or store last year, according to GlobalData Retail's managing director Neil Saunders. Nearly 73 percent of them also spent money at nearby restaurants or stores, he says.

"Santa is the magnet that attracts people to malls and without that attraction, malls will struggle more to generate foot traffic," says Saunders.

Mall operator CBL, which filed for bankruptcy earlier this month, plans to bring Santa to nearly 60 malls at the end of November, about three weeks later than last year. The company decided against a plexiglass barrier because it didn't look right in photos. But Santa will be socially distanced and wear a face mask. He may also put on a plastic shield to protect his face.

"We're doing everything possible so that he stays healthy," says Mary Lynn Morse, CBL's marketing vice president.

Mall owner Brookfield started planning in-person Santa visits at 130 of its shopping centers in April, opting for sleighs and gift boxes where visitors can sit away from Santa. At one of its malls, The SoNo Collection in Norwalk, Connecticut, a round piece of plexiglass will be placed in front of Santa so it looks like he's inside a snow globe.

But the precautions may not be enough to convince some shoppers.

"It just seems like such a bad idea, just being in a mall," says Emma Wallace of Alexandria, Virginia, who decided against taking her toddler to his first visit with Santa this year.

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Monday drawings

Michigan
Poker Lotto
KC-6C-8D-10H-10S
Midday Daily 3
4-3-6
Midday Daily 4
2-1-9-9
Daily 3
2-1-6
Daily 4
0-3-2-2
Fantasy 5
12-18-19-27-36
Keno
06-09-11-20-23-27-30-31-32-34-39-42-49-52-54-55-56-57-59-60-74-80
Mega Millions jackpot
$176 million
Powerball jackpot
$179 million

Sunday drawings

Indiana
Cash 5
24-25-28-32-39
Estimated jackpot
$110,000
Cash4Life
19-20-32-35-49, Cash Ball: 1
Quick Draw Midday
02-05-06-09-22-24-29-35-36-38-45-46-48-50-51-59-63-72-73-77, BE: 2
Daily Three-Midday
2-5-2, SB: 9
Daily Three-Evening
5-9-5, SB: 0
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2-5-4-3, SB: 9
Daily Four-Evening
5-0-7-2, SB: 0
Quick Draw Evening
04-05-13-14-16-18-27-31-39-41-44-48-49-55-63-64-65-69-71-74, BE: 48

Illinois
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
03-29-35-39-43
Estimated jackpot
$500,000
Pick Three-Midday
6-5-7, Fireball: 7
Pick Three-Evening
1-5-4, Fireball: 7
Pick Four-Midday
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Berrien records worst weekend of pandemic

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
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BENTON TOWNSHIP — The COVID-19 pandemic continued to worsen in Southwest Michigan over the weekend.

Berrien County recorded 494 new cases over Saturday, Sunday and Monday. That's the most weekend cases ever recorded in Berrien County.

Last weekend, the county recorded 320 new cases and the weekend before that, 223.

Spectrum Health Lakeland had 59 COVID-19-positive patients admitted, as of Monday afternoon. That's a record high – up from about 47 to 49 patients most of last week and about 30 patients the week before.

A new COVID-19 death was reported on Saturday, bringing the county's pandemic death toll to 95.

During the same three-day period, the county added 113 new recoveries.

This brings the number of active cases in the county to about 2,268, up from 1,888 on Friday.

On Monday, Berrien County had seven fewer presumed positive cases than Friday, meaning those folks either tested positive or negative for the virus.

Van Buren County recorded 151 new COVID-19 cases over Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Cass County recorded 111 new cases.

In addition, Cass County recorded a new COVID-19 death over the weekend, bringing its death toll to 27.

The state reported Monday that there were no new COVID-19 outbreaks at any Berrien, Cass or Van Buren county schools over the last week. An outbreak is two or more COVID-19 cases who may have shared exposure on school grounds and are from different households.

Long-term care facilities

The state updated its tally of COVID-19 cases and deaths in residents and staff of long-term care facilities Monday.

In Berrien County, 14 new resident and 11 new staff COVID cases were reported at Riveridge Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center in Niles. It also recently recorded a resident death.

Five new resident and two new staff cases were reported at West Woods of Niles. West Woods of Bridgman reported two new resident cases.

Pine Ridge Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Stevensville had one new resident case and two new staff cases, according to the report.

The Cass County Medical Care Facility had four new resident cases and five new staff cases.

In Van Buren County, Meadow Woods Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Bloomingdale had 19 new resident and five new staff cases.

Bronson Commons in Mattawan had three new resident cases and six new staff cases.

A few other area facilities had one or two new staff cases.

Closure

While some businesses and services are being told to close by the state, others are still choosing to close out of an abundance of caution.

The Cass County Courts have suspended all jury trials through 2020 and all in-person hearings have been suspended until further notice, according to a news release issued Monday.

For updates and specific contact information for each of the courts, visit https://casscourtsmi.org.

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RIDING THE WAVES

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A surfer works the waves along Silver Beach before the big windstorm blew into the region over the weekend.

BERRIEN COUNTY TRIAL COURT

Murder suspect declines plea offer, faces trial

Shooting death of BH woman, 19, occurred last November

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — A Benton Harbor man who is facing a murder charge declined a plea offer from the Berrien County Prosector's Office Monday and a trial date was set.

Marion Perry Jr., 22, is charged with open murder in the death of Uniqua Jones, 19, who was his girlfriend. She died of a single gunshot wound to the abdomen that doctors said entered near her rib and passed through several vital organs.

Open murder means that the prosecutor can charge any degree of murder, and a jury could find Perry guilty of first- or second-degree murder, or some lesser murder charge such as manslaughter. If convicted of first-degree murder, Perry would receive Michigan's mandatory sentence of life in prison without parole. Second-degree murder is punishable by life or any term of years, with parole possible.

Perry is also charged with possession of a firearm by a felon, a 5-year felony; and weapons felony firearms, a 2-year felony.

Berrien Assistant Prosecutor Cortney O'Malley-Septoski offered a plea deal in which, if Perry pleaded guilty to second-degree murder, all the other charges would be dropped. Perry appeared before Berrien County Trial Court Judge Angela Pasula by Zoom, along with his lawyer, Jeffrey Kaplan. Kaplan said Perry did not wish to take the deal, and trial was set for Jan. 5, 2021.

At a preliminary hearing earlier this year before Judge Gordon Hosbein, Benton Township Police Officer Stephen Chaffin told the court police were called at 6:11 p.m. Nov. 30, 2019, to an apartment in the Blossom Acres Housing Complex, 206 Concord, on a report of a woman having been shot. He said the shooting victim was lying on the floor with no pulse and not breathing. He said another woman was the only other person there.

Vera Jones, the grandmother of Uniqua Jones, testified that Uniqua and her boyfriend, Marion Perry, had been staying with her at her apartment. She said the evening of the shooting she was in her bedroom folding clothes when she heard a noise, and went out into the living room. The grandmother told the court her granddaughter was sitting in a chair and Perry was talking on the telephone. She testified that Perry gave her the phone and told her to talk to the police as her granddaughter fell to the floor and Perry left the apartment.

She said police arrived and began CPR, but got no response.

Benton Township Police Detective Sgt. Steven Morrow testified that after police identified Perry as a suspect in the shooting and he went to talk to him, Perry told him several different, evolving stories about what happened. At one point Perry said the two were arguing and he was trying to wrestle a gun away from Jones when it went off.

During lawyer arguments following testimony at the preliminary hearing, Kaplan said there was no evidence presented that Perry ever had his finger on the trigger of a gun that evening.

"At most it was an accident. There is no evidence of premeditation, and intent was not proven," Kaplan argued.

But Hosbein said he found sufficient probable cause for Perry to be bound over for trial. The trial was to have been held in June but was adjourned due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Judge Pasula conducted the status conference Monday due to Hosbein being absent from court.

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2 arrested in Niles after police pursuit

They are suspects in a Chicago homicide

By JULIE SWIDWA
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NILES — Police on patrol Friday arrested two people who they now think might be connected to a homicide in Chicago.

Berrien County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Robert Boyce said the names of the two men, 18 and 19, will be released after charges are sorted out.

Boyce said Deputy Angela Baggett, at about 10:30 a.m. Friday, was trying to stop a vehicle in Buchanan for an alleged violation when the car continued on, with police in pursuit, through Niles Township and into the city of Niles. Boyce said the pursuit did not reach high speeds and no one was injured.

He said that in Niles, the suspect vehicle crashed into a dirt embankment and the two occupants fled on foot. Boyce said that with the help of other police agencies, one of the men was apprehended almost immediately and the other was found after a three-hour search.

During the course of their investigation, police discovered that the suspect vehicle had been reported stolen out of Champaign, Ill., and that the two occupants may have been involved in a homicide in Chicago.

Both men were taken to the Berrien County Jail to await charges. Boyce said the Berrien County Sheriff's Office is assisting the Chicago Police Department in their homicide investigation.

Sheriff's deputies were assisted Friday by Michigan State Police, and Niles police and fire departments.

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Family: Comedian Sinbad recovering from stroke

By MESFIN FEKADU
Associated Press

SINBAD

NEW YORK — The family of Sinbad says the comedian-actor is recovering from a recent stroke.

The Adkins family says in a statement to The Associated Press on Monday that "it is out of sincere love that we share Sinbad, our beloved husband and father, is recovering from a recent stroke.

"Sinbad is a light source of love and joy for many generations. While he is beginning his road to recovery, we are faithful and optimistic that he will bring laughter into our hearts soon," the statement continued.

The 64-year-old Benton Harbor native, born David Adkins, is known for his stand-up work and appearances in the sitcoms "A Different World" and "The Sinbad Show." The entertainer has also appeared in several movies.

"Our family thanks you in advance for your love and support and ask for continued prayers for his healing. We also ask that you please respect our privacy during this time," the family statement read.

State: Problems with deer license system are cleared up

LANSING (AP) — Problems with the system that produces Michigan deer hunting licenses have been resolved, the state said Monday.

The traditional two-week season began Sunday. The Department of Natural Resources reported Saturday that the system was slow and canceling transactions on the eve of the big hunt.

The vendor, Tennessee-based Sovereign Sportsmen Solutions, cleared things up later that day, the DNR said.

"The DNR wanted to ensure the vendor's system was selling licenses without issue for 48 hours before making this announcement," the state said Monday.

Hunters who had hit the woods without a license still must obtain one. The accompanying kill tag can't be used to get another deer if a hunter was already successful, the DNR said.

m on the eve of the traditional two-week deer season.

There were "unforeseen technical issues" with the system provided by Tennessee-based Sovereign Sportsmen Solutions, the Department of Natural Resources said.

IN BRIEF

OutCenter to host virtual Holiday Pride

The OutCenter of Southwest Michigan will present its annual Holiday Pride event at 7 p.m. Saturday.

The virtual event, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, will feature performances by Andrew Fisher and Friends, Aiden Schnell, and David Carew and the Southwest Michigan College Select Voices ensemble.

The evening will be emceed by Zack East, a member of the OutCenter board, and include an interactive program book for folks to page through to see the event's sponsors, read the bios of performers and learn more about what the OutCenter has been up to during 2020.

A virtual afterglow event will begin at 8 p.m. and folks are encouraged to prepare snacks and beverages in the comfort of their own homes.

For more information, and to sign up to get a reminder email before the event, visit https://outcenter.org/holidaypride.

Hate crimes in U.S. reach highest level in more than a decade

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hate crimes in the U.S. rose to the highest level in more than a decade as federal officials also recorded the highest number of hate-motivated killings since the FBI began collecting that data in the early 1990s, according to an FBI report released Monday.

There were 51 hate crime murders in 2019, which includes 22 people who were killed in a shooting that targeted Mexicans at a Walmart in the border city of El Paso, Texas, the report said. The suspect in that August 2019 shooting, which left two dozen other people injured, was charged with both state and federal crimes in what authorities said was an attempt to scare Hispanics into leaving the United States.

There were 7,314 hate crimes last year, up from 7,120 the year before – and approaching the 7,783 of 2008. The FBI's annual report defines hate crimes as those motivated by bias based on a person's race, religion or sexual orientation, among other categories.

Some of the 2019 increases may be the result of better reporting by police departments, but law enforcement officials and advocacy groups don't doubt that hate crimes are on the rise. The Justice Department has for years been specifically prioritizing hate crime prosecutions.

The data also shows there was a nearly 7 percent increase in religion-based hate crimes, with 953 reports of crimes targeting Jews and Jewish institutions last year, up from 835 the year before. The FBI said the number of hate crimes against African Americans dropped slightly to 1,930, from 1,943.

Anti-Hispanic hate crimes, however, rose to 527 in 2019, from 485 in 2018. And the total number of hate crimes based on a person's sexual orientation stayed relatively stable, with one fewer crime reported last year, compared with the year before, though there were 20 more hate crimes against gay men reported.

As the data was made public on Monday, advocacy groups, including the Anti-Defamation League, called on Congress and law enforcement agencies across the U.S. to improve data collection and reporting of hate crimes. Critics have long warned that the data may be incomplete, in part because it is based on voluntary reporting by police agencies across the country.

Last year, only 2,172 law enforcement agencies out of about 15,000 participating agencies across the country reported hate crime data to the FBI, the bureau said. And while the number of agencies reporting hate crimes increased, the number of agencies participating in the program actually dropped from the year before. A large number of police agencies appeared not to submit any hate crime data, which has been a consistent struggle for Justice Department officials.

"The total severity of the impact and damage caused by hate crimes cannot be fully measured without complete participation in the FBI's data collection process," the Anti-Defamation League's president, Jonathan Greenblatt, said in a statement.

An Associated Press investigation in 2016 found that more than 2,700 city police and county sheriff's departments across the country had not submitted a single hate crime report for the FBI's annual crime tally during the previous six years.

Greenblatt also said America must "remove the barriers that too often prevent people in marginalized communities – the individuals most likely to suffer hate crimes – from reporting hate-based incidents," a sentiment shared by other advocates.

Internal email reveals 65 virus cases among WHO Geneva staff

By MARIA CHENG and JAMEY KEATEN
Associated Press

Jae C. Hong / AP

A woman drops her nasal swab sample into a bin at a COVID-19 testing site set up at the OC Fairgrounds in Costa Mesa, Calif., Monday.

GENEVA — The World Health Organization has recorded 65 cases of the coronavirus among staff based at its headquarters, including five people who worked on the premises and were in contact with one another, an internal email obtained by The Associated Press shows.

The U.N. health agency said it is investigating how and where the five people became infected – and that it has not determined whether transmission happened at its offices. WHO's confirmation Monday of the figures in the email was the first time it has publicly provided such a count.

"To my knowledge, the cluster being investigated is the first evidence of potential transmission on the site of WHO," Dr. Michael Ryan, the agency's chief of emergencies, told reporters Monday after the AP reported on the internal email.

The email said about half of the infections recorded so far were in people who had been working from home. But 32 were in staff who had been working on premises at the headquarters building, where more than 2,000 people usually work and the agency says it has put in place strict hygiene, screening and other prevention measures.

In the email, which was sent to staff on Friday, Raul Thomas, who heads business operations at WHO, noted that five people – four on the same team and one who had contact with them – had tested positive for COVID-19. That could indicate that basic infection control and social distancing procedures in place may have been broken.

"We have had some cases that have been associated with the premises. We do have some cases in the last week that are linked together," Maria Van Kerkhove, WHO's technical lead on COVID-19, confirmed Monday.

Of the linked cases, she added: "There are possible ways in which they were infected outside of the premises. So we're still doing the epidemiologic investigation with that."

Two weeks ago, Van Kerkhove had said there had been no transmission at headquarters to that point but added that the agency was monitoring it. WHO, which is coordinating the global response to the pandemic, had previously said that staffers had been infected but never provided a number or details.

"As per standard protocols, these colleagues are receiving the necessary medical attention and are recovering at home," the email Friday said. "These last five cases bring the total reported number of affected members of the Geneva based workforce to 65 since the beginning of the pandemic."

According to the email, 49 of the overall cases had occurred in the last eight weeks, "thus very much in line with the situation being reported in Geneva and the surrounding areas." He added that "a higher number of cases among those who telework might have gone unreported." The timing of the other 16 cases was not clear.

The revelation comes amid a surge of cases in Europe, host country Switzerland, and the city of Geneva, in particular.

The email did not specify who was infected, but a WHO staffer with direct knowledge of the situation who spoke on condition of anonymity because she was not authorized to speak to the press said the five linked cases included a member of the WHO director-general's leadership team who is also an infection control specialist.

Thomas' email was sent after other WHO officials raised concerns that people who had been in contact with the group were still working in the Geneva building and potentially exposing others to COVID-19, the staffer said.

The senior manager reportedly held several in-person meetings at WHO in early November before testing positive last week. The person, contacted by the AP, referred all comments to the WHO media office.

"We have not yet established whether transmission occurred on campus, but are looking into the matter," Farah Dakhlallah, a WHO spokeswoman, said in an email to the AP.

WHO has faced repeated criticism of its handling of the pandemic. U.S. President Donald Trump accused the U.N. agency of "colluding" with China to hide the extent of the initial outbreak. In June, the AP found WHO publicly lauded China for its speed and transparency, even though private meetings showed WHO officials frustrated that the country sat on releasing critical outbreak information.

The email obtained by the AP said enhanced measures to "reduce our risk profile" were being considered.

"Finally, members of the workforce are reminded that physical meetings, including gatherings in common areas or in the cafeteria, are strongly discouraged and should only take place where absolutely necessary," it added.

Elsewhere in Geneva, restaurants are among many public venues that have been closed to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Last month, Thomas told WHO staffers the agency was restricting access to its Geneva headquarters to critical staffers, including senior directors, their assistants and management officers. "All members for the workforce are reminded to always keep proper hand hygiene, respect physical distancing standards (at least one meter) and wear masks, when distancing is not possible," he wrote.

In normal times, an estimated 2,400 people regularly work at WHO's seven-story headquarters overlooking Geneva. As the pandemic has swelled in the area, staffers have been encouraged to work from home when possible. Non-staff visitors have been required to wear masks, and access to the building has been curtailed.

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Facebook, Twitter CEOs to be pressed on election handling

By MARCY GORDON
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The CEOs of Facebook and Twitter are being summoned before Congress to defend their handling of disinformation in the 2020 presidential election, even as lawmakers questioning them are deeply divided over the election's integrity and results.

Prominent Republican senators have refused to knock down President Donald Trump's unfounded claims of voting irregularities and fraud, even as misinformation disputing Democrat Joe Biden's victory has flourished online.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, a close Trump ally who heads the Senate Judiciary Committee to which the CEOs will testify Tuesday, has publicly urged, "Do not concede, Mr. President. Fight hard."

Both Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg and Twitter's Jack Dorsey promised lawmakers last month that they would aggressively guard their platforms from being manipulated by foreign governments or used to incite violence around the election results – and they followed through with high-profile steps that angered Trump and his supporters.

Twitter and Facebook have both slapped a misinformation label on some content from Trump, most notably his assertions linking voting by mail to fraud. On Monday, Twitter flagged Trump's tweet proclaiming "I won the Election!" with this note: "Official sources called this election differently."

Facebook also moved two days after the election to ban a large group called "Stop the Steal" that Trump supporters were using to organize protests against the vote count. The 350,000-member group echoed Trump's baseless allegations of a rigged election rendering the results invalid.

For days after the election as the vote counting went on, copycat "Stop the Steal" groups were easily found on Facebook, with one nearing 12,000 members as of last week. As of Monday, Facebook appeared to have made them harder to find, though it was still possible to locate them, including some groups with thousands of members.

Facebook didn't immediately respond to a request for information on its specific actions currently toward such groups.

Warily eyeing how the companies wield their power to filter speech and ideas, Trump and the Republicans accuse the social media companies of anti-conservative bias. Democrats also criticize them, though for different reasons. The result is that both parties are interested in stripping away some of the protections that have shielded tech companies from legal responsibility for what people post on their platforms. Biden has heartily endorsed such an action.

But it's the actions that companies have taken around the election that are likely to be a dominant focus at Tuesday's hearing.

Despite fears over security in the run-up to Nov. 3 and social media companies bracing for the worst, the election turned out to be the most secure in U.S. history, federal and state officials from both parties say – repudiating Trump's unsubstantiated claims of fraud.

There's no evidence that the social media giants are biased against conservative news, posts or other material, or that they favor one side of political debate over another, researchers have found. But criticism of the companies' policies, and their handling of disinformation tied to the election, has come from Democrats as well as Republicans.

After Trump, will the presidency recede a bit for Americans?

By TED ANTHONY
AP National Writer

Carolyn Kaster / AP

Republican Presidential Candidate Donald Trump, speaks during the final day of the Republican National Convention in Cleveland in 2016.

WASHINGTON — Calvin Coolidge, known by some as "Silent Cal" during his time in the White House, used his autobiography to live up to his nickname. "The words of a president," he wrote in 1929 after leaving office, "have an enormous weight and ought not to be used indiscriminately."

The world is very different now. Communication is instantaneous. Americans – even a president – are often measured by the quantity and volume of what is now called their "content." Since he took office in 2017 (and for many years before that), Donald Trump has been a different kind of president when it comes to communication – a more-is-better kind of guy.

You can adore Trump or despise him. But from late-night tweet storms to oft-repeated untruths to provocative statements about everything from the kneeling of pro football players to canned beans to buying Greenland, there's one thing it has been almost impossible to do with the president of the United States these past four years: ignore him.

Now, as another administration prepares to take the reins of American power, have the Trump years forever changed the place that the presidency occupies in American life and Americans' lives? Has Calvin Coolidge's statement become woefully outdated in the era of the ever-present presidency, or is it an idea whose time has returned, as voiced by a sign on the fence at Lafayette Square near the White House last week: "Enough!"

The presidency was devised as a combination of two things – a big-time leader and a regular person from our ranks. And the American people have always wanted to interact with it, or at least feel they are. In the 1800s, they actually were: Andrew Jackson's inauguration featured an open house in which people wandered in and out of the White House at will. Access in varying degrees continued for a half century until security concerns ended it.

The TV-friendly Kennedy administration elevated personality to a height nearly on par with competence. And the stature of the office – perched high upon a metaphorical hill, of the people but distant from them – has competed ever since with the desire to bring it down to Earth. Thus did Bill Clinton answer the famous 1994 question on MTV – "Boxers or briefs?" – and George W. Bush gain stature as the candidate you'd "want to sit down and have a beer with."

But none of those leaders was communicating with the American public directly and injecting fresh material on multiple topics into the national conversation multiple times a day. There is simply no precedent for Donald Trump, who – like so many among us – has holed up in his bedroom late at night with his phone and tweeted about things that irritated him. Never before have 280 characters from the planet's most powerful person seemed nearer. Perhaps they never will again.

Many Trump supporters, who beg to differ, have loved this ubiquity. To them, it's transparency: He has brought to the presidency a combination of accessibility and pugnaciousness that floods multiple channels – and is useful even when it's draining, which it sometimes is even for them. "Even Trump's supporters are getting tired of his daily drama," the conservative National Review said in a headline last year.

Put simply, it's another data point in a saga of national exhaustion and media overload – particularly in the can't-get-away-from-it era of the coronavirus pandemic.

"If we are burned out with the presidency, how do we go forward in terms of how we consume media?" wonders Apryl Alexander, an associate professor of psychology at the University of Denver who studies how people and communities meet challenges. "I have a text message from friends the minute I wake up about something (Trump) said. I think Biden and his camp are going to have to navigate this."

In many ways, it transcends Trump. The primacy of the presidency is so deeply embedded in American culture that it's often hard to look away when the occupant is saying, "Look at me."

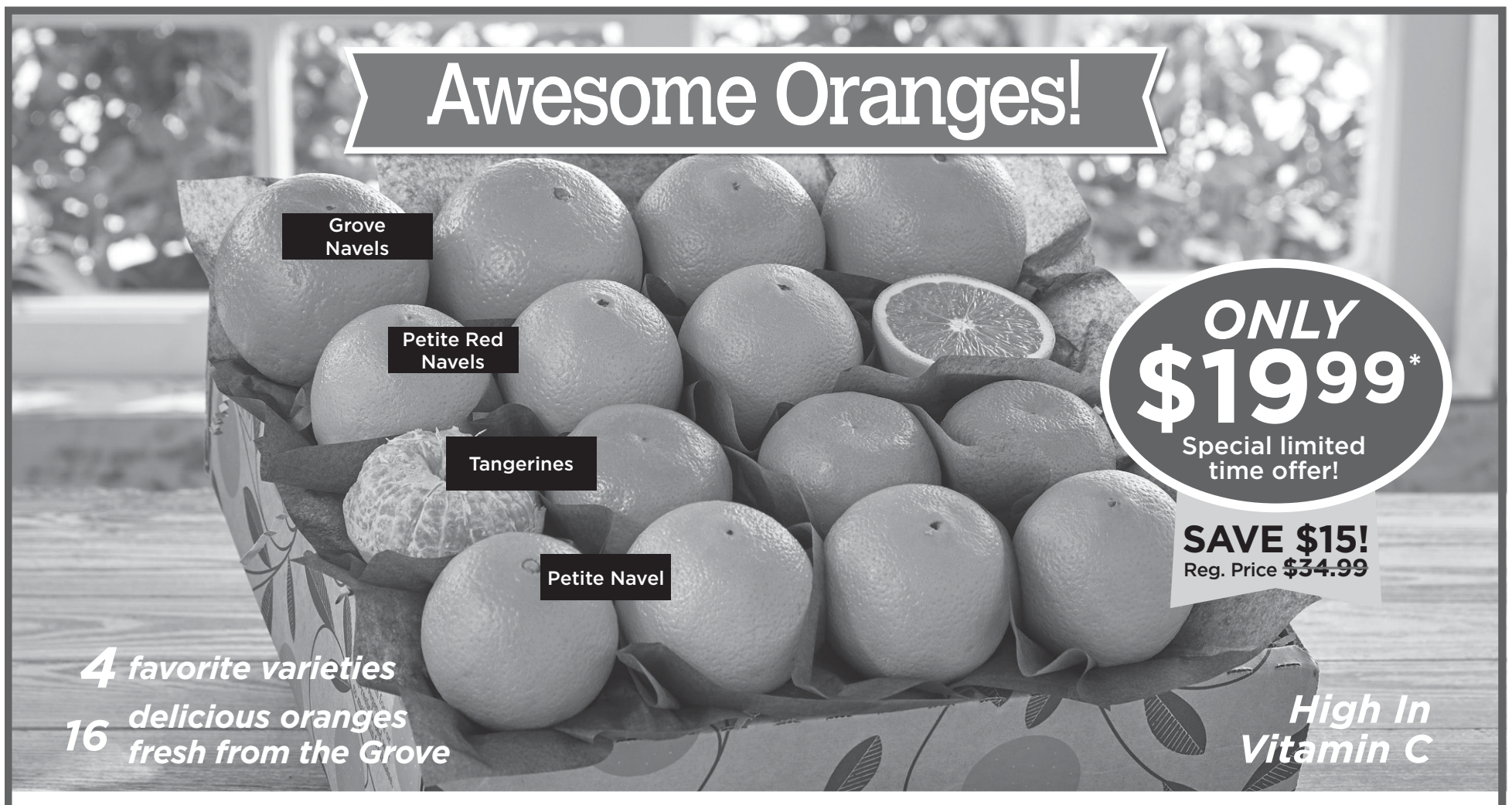
Though the U.S. government has three branches, the chief executive has come to embody the national psyche, the national mood, the national character. It's hard to imbue a legislative body or a court with the personality of a nation. The president, though, is expected to channel all of that – and so, in a society weaned on heroes and outsized figures, commandeers the attention.

"We don't look at the office; we look at the person. And Donald Trump has been the ultimate personality," says Anthony DiMaggio, a political scientist at Lehigh University who teaches media politics and propaganda. "It's not the greatest way to have a nuanced understanding of our political system. But it's easy."

Who knows how a President Joe Biden will communicate? It's probably safe to say that his lack of history as a reality-show staple and a frequently provocative tweeter may limit how much national, moment-to-moment bandwidth he will pursue.

And Trump? When he and the presidency become separate entities, he'll continue to occupy what sociologists call "the attention space." He'll still have a lot to say, and many places to say it, and many people who want to hear it. But unlike now, when he holds the highest office in the land, more Americans will feel they can shut it off.

"What he says may continue to be newsworthy for quite a long time," says Caroline Lee, an associate professor at Lafayette College in Pennsylvania who specializes in the sociology of politics and culture. "But the question is, at some point he will die, and who takes over his attention space at that point? Could anybody command that style of attention or that amount of attention? It's hard to imagine somebody stepping into that role."



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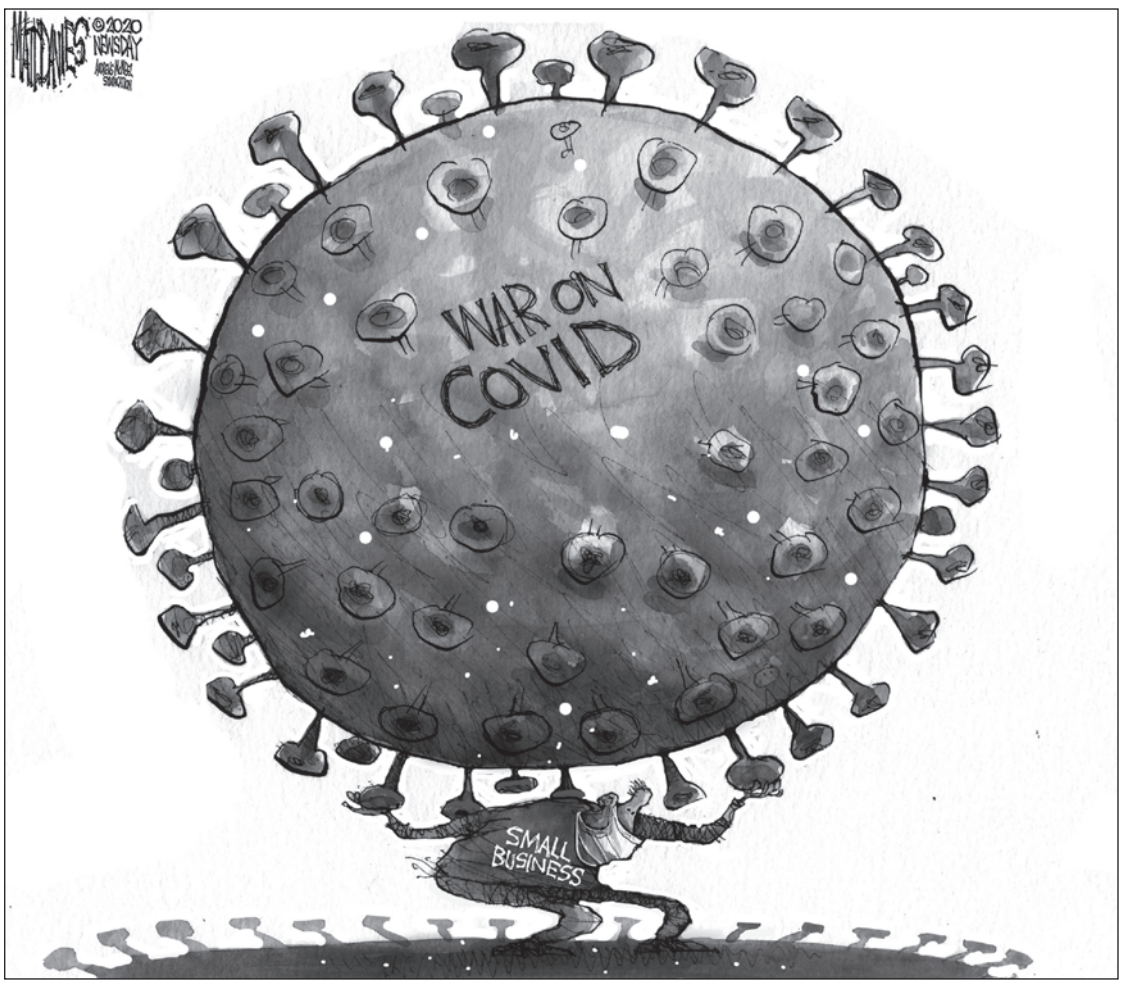
Will Senate surprise us on a stimulus?



E.J. Dionne

Do we want our economy to recover, or do we want it to stagnate? Do we want suffering on a large scale, or do we want to alleviate pain? Do we want to spend all our time talking about President Donald Trump rage tweeting about an election he lost, or do we want to move forward?

One more thing, directed toward those spinning happy tales about how President-elect Joe Biden should work closely with Republican senators: Are they ready to pressure GOP leaders into helping Biden by giving the economy the boost it needs?

There is a broad consensus among economists and businesspeople that a pandemic-battered economy, kept afloat by large-scale spending earlier in the year, needs another major boost.

But Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., is unwilling to budge on his original offer of $500 billion even as his Democratic counterparts, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer, have already slashed their own opening bid by $1.2 trillion. The Democrats' $2.2 trillion plan is much closer to what the economy needs. And it would be far better to get this done now, before Biden takes office, than to delay action for two months or more.

Yes, the economy is better than it was at the worst moments of the pandemic, but there is nothing healthy about a situation in which 21.2 million Americans are still receiving jobless benefits, covid-19 is resurging to dangerous levels, and job creation is slowing. As the Financial Times noted, payrolls remain more than 10 million belowtheir pre-pandemic levels.

I canvassed a group of mainstream economic thinkers I respect and, in some cases, have worked with. Their warnings against inaction should be taken seriously.

"There is a consensus among economists that more fiscal stimulus is needed," said Isabel Sawhill, senior fellow at the Brookings Institution. "The reasons? Monetary policy has run out of gas with interest rates close to zero. State and local governments are on the front lines of the pandemic but their revenue are falling. They must balance their budgets and so will have to cut spending, which will exacerbate any downturn as well as make it much harder for them to fight the virus. They, along with the unemployed, essential workers and low-income families should be a priority."

Michael Strain, director of Economic Policy Studies at the American Enterprise Institute, is a solid conservative. But when I emailed him to ask about the need for more stimulus, he replied quickly: "Yes, for sure."

His estimate for what should be spent is lower than where I would put it – he said that "$1 trillion is both appropriate to the need and politically feasible" – but double what McConnell is offering.

The goals of new spending, Strain said, should involve "reducing the spread of the virus, safely opening schools, alleviating human suffering and keeping faith with our special obligation to the poor and vulnerable, and preserving the productive capacity of the economy."

Harry Holzer, an economist at Georgetown's McCourt School of Public Policy, has goals similar to Strain's. But he argues that closing the "output gap" – the difference between actual and potential gross domestic product – would require a stimulus of between $1 trillion and $2 trillion for 2021, and $2 trillion to $3.5 trillion over the next two years. He adds: "A terrible winter might make us recover more slowly than forecast."

And Jacob Leibenluft, a senior fellow at the Center for American Progress, highlighted the social and human damage of just letting things ride. "Absent action," he said, "we will see not only a drag on the overall economy, but deep, unaddressed pain for millions of families who – even as higher-income families may be largely unaffected – will struggle to afford food, shelter and basic necessities."

What's overlooked by the do-little crowd is that relief from previous stimulus is about to expire. "Millions of unemployed workers [are] set to lose all of their unemployment insurance at the end of the year," Leibenluft noted, "and the eviction moratorium [is] set to end on Dec. 31."

Politics will offer us many occasions for contention over the next four years. But McConnell has an opportunity before Biden is inaugurated to reciprocate the offers of good will the president-elect has sent his way: by giving ground to Democratic demands that only echo what just about everyone who cares about economic growth thinks must happen.

Will the sentence I just wrote strike many as naive? Yes. In fact, it strikes me as naive. But just once, I would like McConnell and his GOP Senate to surprise us. If we can't agree on the imperative of getting the country moving again, we won't ever agree on anything.

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LETTERS

Accepting reality about climate change

Editor,

In the aftermath of the presidential election, Rep. Fred Upton was among the first Republicans to accept the reality of Joe Biden's victory, perhaps because, as St. Joseph Mayor Garey was quoted as saying in a recent article in this paper, the two men know and respect each other ("Does SJ have a case of the blues?," November 12, 2020, Herald-Palladium). Fred Upton has also understood the very real threats from the coronavirus pandemic and the value of masks in protecting our own and others' health. Rep. Upton has recognized another reality: Climate change is a threat.

Science makes clear that burning fossil fuels emits pollutants that contribute to the climate crisis and directly damage human health. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the most efficient, just, and inexpensive way possible, Congress should enact the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act, which pairs a carbon fee (or tax) with a "dividend" (collected monies, equitably divided, are returned to households as monthly savings deposits to offset increased energy costs).

Support for similar programs comes from survey respondents across party lines and business groups; its ability to lower greenhouse gas emissions quickly is accepted by researchers such as those at the Columbia University Center on Global Energy Policy.

Ignoring real threats adds to their dangers. I am grateful that Rep. Fred Upton has repeatedly recognized reality. As Joe Biden works to address climate change, I look forward to gaining Fred Upton's support for the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act, and I hope he will become a co-sponsor of the bill when it is re-introduced in the new Congress.

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Happy that America decided to fire Trump

Editor,

Thank you, America, for doing what you did on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Yeah Donald, you're fired!

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The invisible COVID symptom: anxiety

Kathleen Parker

COLUMBIA, S.C. — As I lay myself down to sleep on Thursday night, I began my usual review of the universe, the meaning of life, the interminable election and, of course, COVID-19.

My eyes would not close. I reminded myself to breathe.

Then I did something my pre-pandemic self would have considered a waste of time: I downloaded a meditation app. It downloaded so slowly I fell asleep before it finished. Clever.

I'm no stranger to anxiety, having experienced it twice weekly for more than 30 years as the next column deadline approached. But my current anxiety is of a different order and reminds me of living in California. Stay with me.

When I lived in San Jose directly over the San Andreas fault in the mid-1980s, I was always slightly anxious, if unconsciously. I had a baby, and my workplace was 10 miles from home. What if an earthquake hit and I couldn't get to him? I would have sprinted all the way home, obviously.

Not until I moved back east did I realize the extent of my earthquake stress. In Florida, where hurricanes provide plenty of warning, I began to notice that I was more relaxed. I felt my shoulders drop an inch or two. They'd been hanging around my ears like boulders of worry for four years. I slept better than I had in years and began each day grateful that the ground was firm.

The coronavirus has brought restlessness back. It hovers over us like a bird of prey, scouting for a vulnerable form of life. Yes, I've given anthropomorphic form to COVID-19, but even doctors and scientists are doing it. I've heard CNN's Sanjay Gupta say dozens of times, "the virus doesn't care."

I'd like not to care about COVID-19 in return, but we must. The challenge for scientists, doctors and political leaders is to sustain a manageable level of concern without inducing extra anxiety. I'd like to tell you that yoga does the trick for me, but it's really vodka. Apparently, drinking is on the rise, and smoking is making a comeback, according to Marlboro maker Altria. Google searches for "anxiety" in the past week reached a 16-year high, according to the data-analytical company DataTrek. Meanwhile, searches for "restaurant" and "mall" are, shall we say, underperforming.

From here, the news gets pretty dreary. We're entering the holiday season and the flu season, and many are contending with celebrating in the absence of friends and loved ones. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says we should only gather outdoors, which is fine if you happen to live in southern climes.

But what about folks up north, if any are left? Most seem to have migrated to South Carolina, where local Republicans are worried they'll turn the state from red to blue. Urban apartment life doesn't lend itself well to even small gatherings during a pandemic. But, then, maybe our trials will make us all more creative – and more mindful of our blessings.

Given the stakes, it's difficult to understand why some people prefer to put themselves and others at risk than to take the simplest precautions. We've heard the mantra hundreds of times: Wear a mask, avoid large gatherings, socially distance. We've also heard that if everyone would play nice (and keep to themselves) for two straight weeks, we'd be able to get the pandemic under control. Two weeks is nothing.

And, yet, there are those who'd rather follow President Donald Trump's example of roaming mask-free and cite his rapid recovery from COVID than surrender to what they consider misguided groupthink. This attitude may be Trump's most diabolical contribution to the United States.

Being a curious sort, I'll sometimes ask people why they're not wearing a mask, a risky proposition in itself. Here in the Bible Belt, many say they've put everything in God's hands. But the gift of free will was predicated upon an assumption of intelligent life. Predictions of ongoing spikes in infections and death rates are based on current trends of idiotic behavior, but it isn't ordained that we commit stupidity. Besides, the alternative to voluntary acquiescence is far worse. President-elect Joe Biden has promised to encourage mask mandates and order lockdowns if he has the authority.

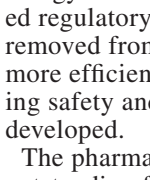
I'm no more inclined than the next renegade to fall in line, but what say we buck up and end this thing quickly?

Otherwise, Democrats may force us to meditate, too.

Kathleen Parker is a columnist for The Washington Post.

Believe it or not, Trump deserves our gratitude

Jay Ambrose



Go away and hide, President Trump, because you botched the handling of COVID-19 except for one teensy thing, starting Operation Warp Speed to develop vaccines faster than history allows. Well, yes, the Pfizer Inc. pharmaceutical company right now has the leading one and pretty soon it could start protecting as many as 25 million lives. But look, Warp Speed is only providing $1.95 billion to the company for millions of doses it plans to distribute for free around the country, and therefore, you should admit guilt, hide your head in shame and take no credit for saving anyone.

It is amazing, utterly amazing that, no matter what Trump accomplishes, he hasn't done it, at least not in the eyes of regressive progressives, pseudo-intellectuals and some supposedly fair media analysts forever putting monster masks on friendly facts. And yet, for all of his front-page flubs, he has moved decisively and with impact on the virus from early on and has perhaps done nothing more important than instituting the Warp Speed adventure in answer to a sad issue.

That issue would be that finding a vaccine to stop a killer germ can often take four, five, 10 or 15 years if one is ever found at all. Phooey, said Trump, as he and his team worked with governmental agencies, scientists, universities and eager-beaver foreign and national pharmaceutical companies to get a reputable vaccine and get it in a hurry. It was almost as if Trump transmitted his own relentless energy into the project as unneeded regulatory hindrances were removed from the scene and new, more efficient methods of checking safety and effectiveness were developed.

The pharmaceutical companies, outstanding from the beginning, still had all kinds of needs not easily acquired, and the project said here they are. The government also entered public-private partnerships in which it has spent billions funding research and production at private companies. Pfizer, working with a major, genius-gifted, German medical firm, BioNTech, said it would pay for its own production but would happily accept a couple of billion dollars as the government purchases and delivers free doses as quickly and usefully as possible.

That's what really counts, as one expert has interestingly expressed it: the vaccination, not the vaccine. And this kind of delivery guarantee can keep a company plugging away even if things get tough. The New York Times reports that international health organizations caught on to the value of this technique long ago, and it is surely a good idea to copy good ideas. Moderna, an American firm that did get Warp Speed production funding, announced its success, too, and some say the combined dosage could be enough to save the world.

Naturally enough, Trump's Twitter-encouraged enemies in politics, on the internet, in publications, behind bushes and starring in Hollywood don't want to grant him an inch even if he deserves a mile. It has erroneously been made to sound as if Pfizer has benefitted in no important way from Warp Speed, and a number are upset that deliveries are expected by the end of this year. Their argument is that the politically motivated Trump administration won't do the checking correctly and we should all wait for Joe Biden to be in charge even if the virus is right now surging wildly and killing 1,000 and more people a week. See how much they love you.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, a highly respected leader on the Trump virus task force and someone who himself has been in conflict with the president, sounds as optimistic as optimistic gets and is positive about 2021. Not everything is going to happen at once, but he says the vaccine "is going to have a major impact on everything we do with respect to COVID." There are many people deserving our gratitude, and the president is one of them, no matter how hard that is to believe.

Jay Ambrose is a columnist for Tribune News Service.

OBITUARIES

Marshall Doak

March 3, 1921 – Nov. 11, 2020

Marshall Ralph Doak, 99, of St. Joseph passed away from COVID-19 on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

Marshall was born in Sturgis, Mich., March 3, 1921, the son of Ralph and Elsie (Coombs) Doak. After Ralph passed away, Elsie married Marshall's stepfather, Sam Rouse. After Elsie died, Sam married Marshall's stepmother, Adeline Genda.

One of five siblings, Marshall and his family made it through the Great Depression, living in various places in Southwest Michigan, and he graduated from Buchanan High School in 1938.

That fall he joined the U.S. Navy. His time in the service saw the start of World War II, leading him to all theaters of the war, including the Atlantic and Pacific, aboard many different ships. After seven years, he was honorably discharged as a chief pharmacist's mate in 1945. Marshall was the recipient of a Purple Heart Medal and Bronze Stars.

In 1947, Marshall married Lorraine Ankli and they raised three sons: Tom, Steve, and Bill. After Lorraine's passing in 1998 after 51 years of marriage, Marshall married Dottie Morris, who passed away in 2001. Marshall's dear friend, Maggie Ludwig, passed away in 2016.

His career in pharmaceutical supplies included a great deal of travel, and Marshall was responsible for serving hundreds of doctors and hospitals in the tri-state area. After his retirement, he worked in medical supplies at Memorial Hospital (now called Spectrum Health Lakeland) in St. Joseph, revamping the inventory control process to save millions of lost dollars.

Some of Marshall's memories the family would like to share include:

Childhood: A family of seven during the depression meant recycled bathwater, recycled clothing (his first non-hand-me-down footwear consisted of his Navy issued boots), and the family often ate what he hunted going to and from school (storing his rifle and game in his school locker).

Military service: Before the U.S. was officially part of WWII, we were secretly transporting British troops on our ships. Marshall also has details to prove the U.S. knew Pearl Harbor was going to be attacked, but did nothing. This tragedy angered the country to the point of wholeheartedly agreeing to declare war. Also, Marshall's knowledge was used in the book "Kaiten," a story about the Japanese secret manned suicide submarines. It was a Kaiten that attacked the USS Mississinewa. During the recovery process of his fellow sailors, Marshall discovered the body of the Japanese pilot. This information helped put together the puzzle pieces of this horrific event.

Hobbies: Marshall enjoyed golf as a member of Berrien Hills Country Club and Point O' Woods (a founding member of POW). Hunting was a way to "put food on the table" during his youth, and a bonding experience well into his 80s with sons, grandson, and great grandson. Another way to stock the freezer was fishing with his youngest son, a charter captain. All the hunting experience helped Marshall become an expert marksman in skeet shooting. He spent countless hours at the Berrien County Sportsman's Club. And after he lost the vision in his dominant right eye, he practiced tirelessly to shoot using his left eye.

Organizations – past and present: American Legion, Berrien County Sportsman's Club, Berrien Hills Country Club, Elks (life member), Fraternal Order of Police (associate member), Lest We Forget, National Rifle Assoc., Point O' Woods (founding member).

Survivors include his sons and daughters-in-law: Thomas and Denise, Steven and Rebecca, William and Theresa. Marshall is also survived by two grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren: Brian, Emily, Hunter (age 14), and Addison (age 12) Doak; and Vince, Marsha, Olivia (age 9), and Emma (age 5) Pulizzano.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Ralph and Elsie Doak; stepparents: Sam and Adeline Rouse, in-laws: Victor and Anna Ankli; wife, Lorraine; second wife, Dorothy; dear friend, Margaret Ludwig; and his siblings and their spouses: Dorothy (Joseph) Keller, Donald (wife Hap, second wife Grace), Marjorie (John) Williams, and Harold "Steve" (LouJean).

Arrangements are being handled by Starks Menchinger Funeral Services. Because of the pandemic, visitation will not be held.

The family will have a private memorial service, which will be recorded and available after Nov. 21, for viewing on the funeral home website. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Marshall's memory to Berrien County Sportsman's Club, or the charity of your choice. Those wishing to share a memory of Marshall online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Elizabeth Pilot

Dec. 24, 1948 – Nov. 8, 2020

Elizabeth "Betty" Pilot, formerly of Dowagiac, and most recently of Woodland Terrace, Bridgman, died late Sunday Nov. 8, 2020, at the Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville.

She was born on Dec. 24, 1927, in Chicago to the late Vincent and Anastasia Veselak.

She married the love of her life, Michael "Mike" Pilot on Oct. 23, 1948. He preceded her in death in September 2007.

Betty's life will live on through the lives and memories of her loving family. Survivors include sons: Robert (Susan) Pilot of Berrien Springs, and David (Demi) Pilot of Crossville, Tenn.; grandchildren: Justin Pilot, Michele (John) Hickey, and Jennifer (Adam) Wagner; great-grandchildren: Benjamin and Elizabeth Wagner.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and her brother, Robert Veselak.

Betty enjoyed playing the organ and listening to music. She was an avid reader and in her earlier years loved to bowl with her husband. She was a great cook and loved to make her famous pierogis for her family during the holidays.

A private family service was held Tuesday, Nov. 17. She was laid to rest next to her husband in Riverside Cemetery in Dowagiac.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Clark Chapel, 405 Center St., Dowagiac, Mich. Friends and family wishing to leave a memory of Betty may do so at www.clarkch.com. Memorial contributions may be made in her name to a charity of the donor's choice.

Norman J. Privett

July 12, 1947 – Nov. 12, 2020

Norman J. Privett, 73, entered in the arms of his Lord on Thursday, Nov. 12, 2020.

He was a loving son, brother, husband, father and grandfather.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and the U.S. Navy.

He is survived by his wife, Cecilia Rivas Privett; sons, Noah, Andrew, Phillip and Robert Privett; daughters, Nicole Hanson, Jessica Privett and Savanah Shea-Privett; brothers, Keith (Pam), Dale (Lonna) and David (Sherrie) Privett; sisters, Diann (Larry) Wycoff and Linda (Ramzi) Cortas; and several grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by parents, Carmon and Laura (James) Privett; and brother, Stephen Privett.

Funeral arrangements are through Sunset Funeral Homes Northeast in El Paso, Texas.

Visitation will be from 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18, with a prayer service at 2 p.m.

Burial will be at Fort Bliss National Cemetery in El Paso.

Norma L. Turner

Feb. 7, 1922 – Nov. 11, 2020

Norma Louise Turner, 98, of Coloma passed away Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, at Duffield & Pastrick Funeral Home in Coloma with visitation beginning at noon. Burial will follow at North Shore Memory Gardens.

Masks will be provided by the family and available for those that may need one. Memorials may be made to the North Berrien Senior Center. Those wishing to leave a message or share a memory with the family online may do so at www.duffieldpastrick.com.

Norma was born Feb. 7, 1922, in Benton Harbor to Ernest and Minnie (Kietzer) Arent. Several years after Ernest passed away, Minnie married Norman Plumley.

Norma and Paul Turner were married on Dec. 20, 1941, and together the couple raised their four children in the Coloma area.

Norma has lived at her current residence for the past 73 years.

Paul, Norma and the family loved to travel and she actually visited every state in the country, including Alaska and Hawaii. She enjoyed cooking and baking, but spending time with her family was her favorite pastime.

Norma is survived by two sons: Bruce (Barbara) Turner of Lecanto, Fla., and Ricky (Sheryl) Turner of Nenana, Alaska; her two daughters: Linda (John) Piehl and Candy Burton, all of Coloma; her brother, Nathan Arent of Benton Harbor; her sister, Alma Arent of St. Joseph; three grandchildren: James (Karen) Turner, Kristina Turner-Bennett and Paul (Kristi) Turner-Bennett; and many great and great-great-grandchildren.

Norma was preceded in death by her husband, Paul, in 1997; her sister-in-law, Ruth Arent, and her son-in-law, Robert Burton.

Michelle S. Kingsley

May 8, 1951 – Nov. 14, 2020

Michelle S. Kingsley, 69, of Exeter, N.H., died Saturday, Nov. 14, 2020, at Exeter Hospital after a sudden illness.

She was born in Flint, Mich., on May 8, 1951, a daughter of the late Donald and Dolores (Fournier) Smith.

Michelle was raised in Flint and attended local Flint schools. She graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in anthropology.

Most recently and for the past several years, Michelle served as the welfare director / social worker for the Town of Hampton. Previously she held the position as a graphic artist in the training department at the Cook nuclear power plant in Bridgman.

She was also a freelance photographer and served as a medical photographer for the McLaren Hospital in Flint. She made her home here on the New Hampshire seacoast since 1989 coming from St. Joseph, and was a member of the Hampton United Methodist Church.

She shared nearly 34 years of marriage with her husband, Grant Kingsley.

In addition to her husband, she leaves siblings: Robert Smith of Surprise, Ariz., Sharon Ouellette of Wellington, Fla., Jeanine Smith of Flint; and nieces and nephews including: Edward Ouellette, and his wife, Tanya of Ayer, Mass.

In addition to her parents; she was predeceased by her sister, Barbara.

Private services will be held at the convenience of the family. In lieu of traditional remembrances, donations may be made to Seacoast Family Promise, 27 Hampton Road, Exeter, NH 03833. Arrangements are by the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, Hampton, New Hampshire.

Please visit www.RemickGendron.com to view Michelle's memorial website and to sign her tribute wall.

Keith Baugher

Aug. 13, 1959 – Nov. 10, 2020

Keith Brian Baugher, 61, of Berrien Springs passed away Friday, Nov. 10, 2020, at his home.

The family will be remembering him privately.

Keith was born Aug. 13, 1959, in St. Joseph, the son of Dale and Betty (Blair) Baugher. He graduated from Bridgman High School, class of 1978.

Survivors include his mother, Betty (Harry) Gnodtky; sisters: Donna Mangels, and Karen (Tom) Burkardt; brothers: Michael Baugher, and Greg (Marcie) Baugher; and many nieces and nephews.

Keith was preceded in death by his father, Dale, in 1988.

Arrangements entrusted to Pike Funeral and Cremation Services, Boyd Chapel, 919 Red Arrow Hwy, Bridgman. Online condolences accepted at www.PikeFH.com.

Death notices

Keith Brian Baugher, 61, of Berrien Springs died Nov. 10, 2020. Pike Funeral Home, Boyd Chapel, Bridgman, 465-3239.

Dorothy J. Campbell, 76, of Benton Harbor died Nov. 9, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Bonnie S. Jones, 75, of Coloma Township died Nov. 15, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville. Davidson Chapel of Florin Funeral Service, Coloma, 468-3181.

Cheryl Kern, 76, of Niles died Nov. 15, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville. Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Michelle S. Kingsley, 69, of Exeter, N.H., died Nov. 14, 2020, at Exeter Hospital. Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, Hampton, N.H.

Carmella A. Medlin, 89, of Niles died Nov. 13, 2020. Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Elizabeth "Betty" Pilot, formerly of Dowagiac, and most recently of Bridgman, died Nov. 8, 2020. Clark Chapel and Cremation Services, Dowagiac, 782-2135.

Norman J. Privett, 73, died Nov. 12, 2020. Sunset Funeral Homes – Northeast, El Paso, Texas, 915-755-4494.

Norma Louise Turner, 98, of Coloma died Nov. 11, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Coloma, 468-6000.

Sandra Lee Whaley, 79, of Covert died Nov. 12, 2020, at Ely Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Allegan. Calvin-Leonard Funeral Home, Hartford, 621-4101.

Sandra Lee Whaley

Jan. 12, 1941 – Nov. 12, 2020

Sandra Lee Whaley, 79, of Covert passed away Thursday, Nov. 12, 2020, at Ely Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Allegan.

Sandra was born Jan. 12, 1941, in Grand Junction, the daughter of William and Florence (Powers) Schallhorn, both of whom precede her in passing. Also preceding her in death were her husband, George Whaley Sr., and a brother, William Schallhorn.

Sandra was employed as an assistant manager at McDonald's in Coloma, as a seamstress at Hale's in South Haven, and in the meat department at Harding's Market in Bangor. In her spare time, she enjoyed knitting, crocheting and reading books.

Sandra is survived by a daughter, Sue Rodriguez of Bangor; a son, James Hunt of Covert; a stepson, George Jr., (Wendy) Whaley of Eau Claire; two stepdaughters: Elva (Vern) Fisher of Eau Claire and Jill Whaley of Bangor; grandchildren: Amber (Sean) Buchert, John Rodriguez Jr., Craig Fisher, Jason (Mary) Fisher, Beverly Whaley, Elva Clayborn, Randy Williamson and Tara Whaley; 12 great-grandchildren and six step-grandchildren.

The family will welcome friends at a graveside service at noon, Tuesday, Nov. 17, at Maple Hill Cemetery, Hartford, with Pastor Duane Jones officiating.

Please remember if you plan on attending services that attendance and mask restrictions will be in place. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the family. The family has entrusted the Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford, with arrangements. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.calvin-leonardfh.com.

Dorothy J. Campbell

Jan. 11, 1944 – Nov. 9, 2020

Dorothy J. Campbell, 76, of Benton Harbor passed away on Monday, Nov. 9, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

A celebration of life service will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 20, 2020 at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph, with Pastor Samuel Dickerson Jr. officiating. Burial will follow at Crystal Springs Cemetery in Benton Harbor. Friends may visit with the family one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Out of respect for the family and guests in attendance, masks and proper social distancing will be required. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, www.stjude.org. Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Dorothy was born on Jan. 11, 1944, in Memphis, Tenn., to Gilbert and Amanda (Franklin) Dickerson.

Dorothy is survived by her children: Bridgette (Lonnie) Butler, Debbra Dickerson, Bobby Campbell, Doris (Kim) Simeona, Carolyn Campbell, and La'Keisha Campbell; 11 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; a sister, Erma Williams; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents: Gilbert and Amanda; husband, Bobby; and eight siblings.

Getting it straight

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DO YOU REMEMBER?

1995 – 25 years ago

Divers probing the sunken wreckage of a 19th century schooner off South Haven have gathered more evidence that the ship is the Rockaway, a lumber schooner that was caught in a fierce Lake Michigan gale 94 years ago. According to lake history, the ship sank Nov. 22, 1891, after fighting the gale for 24 hours. While artifacts and data gathered so far support the belief that the schooner is the Rockaway, the divers still are searching for positive proof of the ship's identity.

1985 – 35 years ago

Dowagiac Public Library will host a sesquicentennial celebration Monday to honor Andrew Carnegie, who donated funds to pay for construction of this and 1,678 other libraries in the country. Monday marks the 150th birthday of Carnegie, the philanthropist who made free libraries an essential part of American life. Carnegie was a steel industry pioneer who amassed a great fortune and wished to give some of it back to the people.

1970 – 50 years ago

Gobles High School students won two major changes in dress code regulations last night from the school board. The board approved the wearing of slacks by girls and T-shirts by boys in school for at least the next five months if the school's student council develops acceptable guidelines. Turned down was a request for the permission for boys to wear beards and mustaches.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 17, the 322nd day of 2020. There are 44 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Nov. 17, 1800, Congress held its first session in the partially completed U.S. Capitol building.

On this date:

In 1558, Elizabeth I acceded to the English throne upon the death of her half-sister, Queen Mary, beginning a 44-year reign.

In 1869, the Suez Canal opened in Egypt.

In 1889, the Union Pacific Railroad Co. began direct, daily railroad service between Chicago and Portland, Oregon, as well as Chicago and San Francisco.

In 1911, the historically African-American fraternity Omega Psi Phi was founded at Howard University in Washington, D.C.

In 1917, French sculptor Auguste Rodin died in Meudon at age 77.

In 1969, the first round of Strategic Arms Limitation Talks between the United States and the Soviet Union opened in Helsinki, Finland.

In 1970, the Soviet Union landed an unmanned, remote-controlled vehicle on the moon, the Lunokhod 1.

In 1973, President Richard Nixon told Associated Press managing editors in Orlando, Florida: "People have got to know whether or not their president is a crook. Well, I'm not a crook."

In 1979, Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini ordered the release of 13 Black and/or female American hostages being held at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Scattered Rain
39°	30°	47° / 41°	59° / 46°	55° / 44°	56° / 45°

Local Outlook

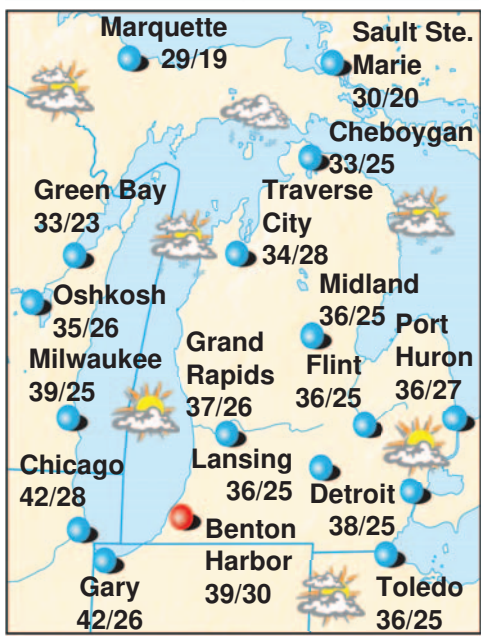
Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 39°, humidity of 59%. West northwest wind 15 to 21 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 30°. West northwest wind 1 to 15 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 27°.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise ..... 7:39 a.m.
Sunset ..... 5:22 p.m.
Moonrise ..... 10:31 a.m.
Moonset ..... 7:37 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
11/21	11/30	12/7	12/14

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	46°
Low	31°
Normal High	48°
Normal Low	33°
Record High	66° in 2001
Record Low	21° in 2005

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	0.88"
Normal for month	1.93"
Year to date	31.12"
Normal Year to date	33.93"

Air Quality

Yesterday 37
Main Offender ..... Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

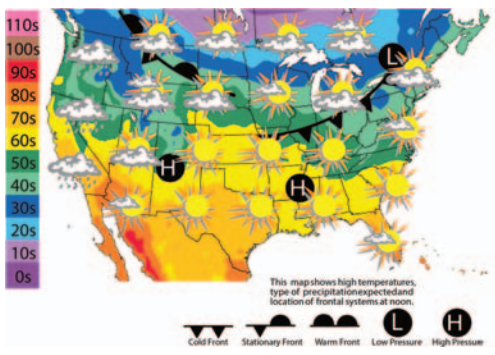
Weather Trivia

What is the world's record for rainfall in one minute?

Answer: On July 4, 1956, 1.23 inches of rain fell in Unionville, MD.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Nov. 17, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, NW wind 16 to 18 kt, with gusts as high as 24 kt. Waves 5 to 6 ft. Water temperature 48 degrees. Tonight, NW wind 5 to 14 kt. Mostly clear. Waves 2 to 4 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with widespread snow showers, highs in the 20s and 30s. West northwest wind 14 to 19 mph. Expect partly cloudy to mostly cloudy skies Wednesday with highs in the 30s and 40s. South wind 1 to 10 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be partly cloudy with highs in the 30s. West northwest wind 15 to 21 mph. Expect mostly sunny skies Wednesday with highs in the 40s. South wind 1 to 18 mph.

REACTION

From page A1

soon."

Movie theaters were given the green light to begin showing movies again Oct. 9.

Moore said it's been kind of a rollercoaster since then, with many eager to see movies again, while at the same time, 70-degree days and Halloween being on a Saturday not helping business.

Havlicek said doesn't believe movie theaters, bowling allies and organized sports should necessarily be part of the order.

"I haven't seen anything to suggest that, movie theaters in particular, should be among those closed. I know folks might not be necessarily comfortable seeing a movie right now, but that's an industry that's been closed a vast majority of the year," he said. "They're hurting financially and they've put some pretty sophisticated safety measures in place to be open."

Havlicek said he's also not thrilled about the closure of restaurants for dine-in service because not a large percentage of outbreaks have occurred in them.

"They've been operating at 50 percent capacity since June, have implemented all sorts of safety measures and have done a tremendous job," he said. "A lot of folks believe that this will move social gatherings to less regulated settings."

Area restaurants took to social media Monday, some encouraging customers to visit before the closure and reminding customers of their take-out options.

The Livery in Benton Harbor called the orders a "small change" in its operations on its Facebook page, touting its heated beer garden, which will still be open, in addition to curbside pickup.

Coach's Bar & Grill in Stevensville promoted its "last indoor hurrah for a while."

Tim VanLiere, co-owner of Coach's, said in a phone interview that he's disappointed they have to close indoor service, but likewise not surprised.

"They've given us warning this would happen this time of year," he said. "It's disappointing because business was starting to come back. People were getting comfortable to come eat again. It's definitely going to slow things down again."

VanLiere said the restaurant will still be open for curbside pickup and will implement its delivery service again.

"I hope the three-week period shows effective in eliminating the spread of the virus and we can get back to normal," he said.

Havlicek said he would encourage everyone to come together and support these restaurants that do carryout over the next three weeks, and the ones that couldn't stay open, immediately afterward.

"We're on a brink of a slow winter and holiday season. This will create some serious economic turmoil for that industry, especially with the extra $600 in unemployment gone and federal business stimulus dried up," he said.

Legislators

Local state legislators expressed disappointment about the new COVID restrictions as well, while also recognizing how bad the pandemic has become. But most of the lawmakers, all Republicans, also found ways to criticize the Democratic governor.

"COVID-19 is very real, and the problem has only gotten worse," state Rep. Pauline Wendzel, R-Watervliet, said in a Facebook post. "We know that we can slow the spread of this virus by washing our hands, social distancing, and wearing masks. That being said, it's incredibly disappointing the legislature found out about these orders from lobbyists instead of the governor."

Wendzel mentioned the things the legislature has done since the start of the pandemic, such as extending unemployment benefits and crafting the return to learn plan.

"Time and time again, we've proven that when we work together, we deliver real and meaningful results. It's past time for the governor to stop ignoring the other two branches of government and work with us on a real bipartisan plan to fight this virus," she said.

State Sen. Aric Nesbitt, R-Lawton, expressed similar sentiments, writing in a news release, "Coronavirus is on the rise, so citizens need to be extra cautious to protect their vulnerable loved ones and neighbors. The governor continues to refuse to partner with the legislature, instead sharing her plans with lobbyists well before talking with the elected representatives of the people."

State Sen. Kim LaSata, R-Bainbridge Township, who tested positive for COVID last Thursday, focused on the impact the new orders will have on local businesses.

"According to my constituents, the new orders place difficult restrictions on their businesses, and for some full closure, even though they were complying with CDC guidelines and best practices for their industry. These are local job providers, employing our friends and neighbors, who are already hurting from the governor's illegal executive orders earlier this year," she wrote.

She plugged grants that are available through the Small Business Association of Michigan to help businesses safely serve customers during colder weather.

State Rep. Beth Griffin, R-Mattawan, wrote on Facebook that the surge in COVID-19 cases is a real problem that all must take seriously, "regardless of how you feel about government mandates."

She echoed other leaders in her frustration, claiming not to have a seat at the table regarding the orders.

"My colleagues and I are not looking to disregard all the governor's ideas or replace them with our own; we're simply asking to collaborate, provide input on behalf of our constituents and receive information we can share with people to increase transparency," she wrote. "I encourage everyone across Southwest Michigan to exercise additional caution over the critical next few weeks in the fight against this virus. I will continue to fight for data driven decision-making."

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people to "rise up" after the governor's announcement. Trump himself has urged supporters to push Whitmer to reopen the state following virus restrictions, though many rules had been lifted previously. And 14 men have been charged in connection with an alleged plot to kidnap the governor.

"It's just incredibly reckless considering everything that has happened, everything that is going on," Whitmer said. "We really all need to be focused on the public health crisis that is ravaging our country and that poses a very real threat to every one of us."

Atlas later tweeted that he "NEVER" would endorse or incite violence.

An order written by the state health department, which starts Wednesday, prohibits high schools, colleges and universities from offering in-person instruction. K-8 schools can continue with on-site classes due to lower transmission rates, though – as before – it is not required. Restaurants, now operating at 50 percent capacity, must halt dine-in service inside.

Indoor residential gatherings, which were capped at 10 people, can include no more than two households. Outdoor gatherings are limited to a maximum of 25 people. Entertainment facilities such as theaters, bowling alleys and indoor water parks must close again. Gyms and pools can stay open but not offer group classes. Professional sports and some college sports are still allowed, with enhanced testing but no spectators.

Whitmer called it a "targeted approach" informed by epidemiologists and public health experts. She renewed her call for the Republican-led Legislature to codify a mask requirement in law in part to send a unified message to the public, calling it "the best weapon we have against our common enemy." The proposed legislation is opposed by GOP legislative leaders.

She noted that lawmakers enacted laws keeping intact unemployment benefits and addressing other matters after the state Supreme Court's October ruling striking down a law she repeatedly used to respond to the pandemic, but said her administration can continue largely combatting the pandemic unilaterally under a health law.

"This is precisely the power that one of the justices pointed to in terms of actions we can and should be taking throughout this pandemic," the governor said.

Michigan's seven-day average of daily new cases has more than doubled from 3,113 to 6,684 over two weeks. It is up nearly fivefold from 30 days ago. Daily deaths also have surged, from 25 to 62, according to The COVID Tracking Project. The number of patients currently hospitalized, about 3,000, has risen sixfold in under two months.

Asked if the state can do anything to assist closed businesses and their soon-to-be laid-off employees, Whitmer again urged Trump and Congress to enact a relief law. She said she and the governors in a loose "compact" of other Midwest states – Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Kentucky – will have a joint media event Tuesday.

Brian Calley, president of the Small Business Association of Michigan and a Republican former lieutenant governor, also called on Congress and the president to act.

"I think we have to expect that this will mean catastrophic failure for many of them (small businesses)," he said of the state order. "They're just in no condition to weather these types of conditions, given the fact that some of them were required to be closed for five or six months earlier this year."

In Detroit, an early virus hot spot where infection rates are lower than in the suburbs, Mayor Mike Duggan said businesses "are being shut down because of irresponsible behavior in the surrounding communities."

Whitmer said GOP legislators have been included in calls in which health experts model cases, hospitalizations and deaths. Without aggressive steps now, she warned, Michigan could see 20,000 more deaths by February. The state has reported nearly 8,400 confirmed or probable deaths tied to COVID-19 and about 275,000 cases.

"The restrictions are absolutely necessary right now. The pandemic is out of control. Nurses are at their breaking point, so any help the public can give us would be great," said Jamie Brown, a critical care nurse from Kalamazoo and president of the Michigan Nurses Association.

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each other out. Nobody in that room is going to let anybody else fail. Ever. And it's not just because other people's lives are on the line. It's because everybody, we're like a family in there. People's lives are at risk and we have to know what we're doing. And we have to do it without any emotions taking over or being scared. We just have to do it.

What is it like to participate in saving a life?

It feels great. It does. It feels great. But that's my job.

Do you feel like a hero?

No. I'm doing my job and I'm doing it like I'm supposed to do and I care about people and I'm compassionate about people and their families. I'm thinking what if that was my dad? Or what if that was my son? You think about that sometimes. You treat every call like every single one of them is just top of the line priority. Every single one. Every call that comes in here is important. No call is more or less important no matter how minor it might seem. We treat every call with the utmost importance. I don't really feel like a hero because I was just doing my job. That's how I feel.

Had you saved other lives before this call?

Sometimes we don't know the outcome of calls. We take the call. We get help there, and that's all we know. We don't know if they've lived or died a lot of the times.

I've taken numerous calls, some good some bad. But this one stands out because it's gotten a lot of attention.

Is there a most horrible call?

Yeah. A family member called in and her husband was down and you know it's a relative. You're working on them and they don't know that it's you on the other end of the line. You don't tell them while you're on the call. It was a step-relative but I grew up with him for years because my dad was married to his sister. So as soon as the name came up on the caller ID I knew who it was.

Did he live?

No.

Then there was another one where it was a full arrest and we were doing CPR. And it was the husband of somebody that we knew in our little dispatch medical community. You know people that are calling in sometimes.

And you don't let on that you know them?

Not usually, no. I'm just there to get them help. I guess it depends on the situation. If somebody was completely inconsolable freaking out and if that's what you had to do to get them to cooperate, I guess you'd have to let them know that it was you. But generally, I don't. Some people are just really unconsolable and just not listening because they're so scared. So you do what you have to do to get the job done.

I was going to ask you, with this type of job, what you do to relax, but you said you come to work to relax.

Well, besides that, I have a mule named Hank. And we go riding in the mountains. Some of my co-workers ride mules too and we'll go together. We trailer the mules. One of my co-workers and I just got back from South Dakota in September. We rode up to Mount Rushmore and Harney Peak, the highest elevation in South Dakota.

Does Hank live at your house with you?

Yes. He's in the barn and he has an outside run, too. When we're riding, we don't think about anything else. Like that is the most peaceful thing in the whole world to me. It's awesome.

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High school sports get put on hold

MHSAA hopes to finish fall tournaments; winter sports delayed

By BEN SANDERS
HP Sports Editor

The MHSAA is still hoping to conclude its fall sports tournaments after a three-week shutdown. That could put some local teams in unusual situations in December.

An emergency order to contain the spread of COVID-19 will prohibit high school sports teams from holding games or practices until at least Dec. 9.

"We understand the need for action, and we will explore all options to complete our fall tournaments when restrictions are lifted," MHSAA Executive Director Mark Uyl said in a statement. "We will assess everything over the next three weeks relative to fall and winter sports and come up with a plan that keeps us connected to our goal, for months, of having three seasons that are played to their conclusions."

Many fall sports tournaments have concluded entirely, with only football, girls swimming and volleyball still in the later stages of their postseasons.

Lakeshore football is still alive, but had its plans altered for the second time in three weeks. The Lancers picked up a forfeit victory over Coldwater in the district semifinals, then won a hard-fought 14-9 game against rival St. Joseph for the district championship on Friday.

Their regional final at top-ranked DeWitt is now on hold.

"I'm disappointed for our kids at this point," Lakeshore athletic director Greg Younger said. "We kind of went through this where we had the forfeit with Coldwater. It's just disappointing to get this point and not be able to let the kids perform and achieve at a high level."

If the football season is able to resume, it will likely be in very cold weather. Younger noted that Dec. 9 is a Wednesday, and teams would probably need at least a week of practice time to get back up to speed.

"Just practicing in that weather, who knows what that brings?" he said. "It would just be interesting to see how you accomplish practice as well as games."

Both St. Joseph and the Bridgman co-op girls

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Johnson's tears for a green jacket and major validation

By DOUG FERGUSON
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AUGUSTA, Ga. — For someone with a reputation of lacking a pulse and fist pumps, the raw emotion from Masters champion Dustin Johnson was as startling as a virtually vacant Augusta National.

Why was he so choked up he couldn't speak?

Why was the smile so much brighter Sunday at the Masters than when he won his first major four years ago at Oakmont, as esteemed a U.S. Open course as there is?

Part of it was location, sure.

Johnson grew up about an hour away in South Carolina, and the Masters is the one major every Southern kid dreams about winning.

"Since I played my first Masters, it's been the tournament I wanted to win the most," he said after setting the scoring record at 20-under 268 in his five-shot victory.

Phil Mickelson and his sharp needle once poked Johnson a few years ago at the Masters by asking if he had dinner plans for Tuesday night, and then waiting for Johnson to figure it out. He does now. Johnson will be hosting the Masters Club dinner for champions in April. He has an invitation for life to play in the Masters.

"Until they tell me not to come back," he said.

As much as location, however, this also was validation.

The question there wasn't time to ask Sunday night was whether this victory was enough to atone for all those other majors that went wrong. The suspicion is he would have agreed.

Two elements of validation were in play.

Johnson already had become owner of a label not talked about enough: The best player to have only one major.

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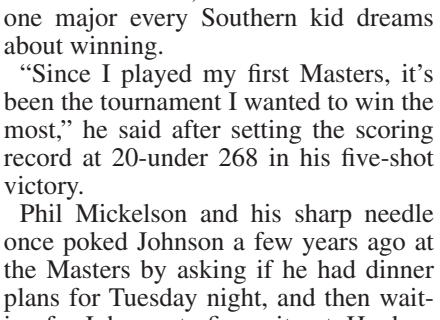

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Masters golf champion Dustin Johnson wipes away a tear while being interviewed following his victory Sunday.

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Lakeshore's Devin Lewis hits St. Joseph's Troy Pratley forcing a fumble during the first half of Saturday night's district final at St. Joseph High School. St. Joseph would recover the ball.

Toughing it out

Lakeshore holds off St. Joseph to win district football championship

By BEN SANDERS
HP Sports Editor

ST. JOSEPH — Lakeshore got a much tougher challenge from St. Joseph the second time around, but the Lancers' defense did enough to hold it off.

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Lakeshore defeated the rival Bears 14-9 in Saturday's Division 3 district championship football game. The Lancers had won the first meeting this season 26-0, taking advantage of eight St. Joseph turnovers.

"(St. Joseph's) got good players and tough kids," Lakeshore coach Denny Dock said. "All respect goes to them. It's always a tough game, second time's really tough. We made a couple mistakes and I'm not sure we ran real good plays, but we did enough. We got 14 and they only

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Lakeshore's JJ Bushu rushes past St. Joseph's Malik Immoos during the first half of Saturday night's game.

NCAA in talks with Indianapolis to host all of March Madness

By JOHN MARSHALL
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The NCAA announced Monday it plans to hold the entire 2021 men's college basketball tournament in one geographic location to mitigate the risks of COVID-19 and is in talks with Indianapolis to be the host city.

The Final Four is already set to be held in Indianapolis next April and the NCAA has its headquarters in the Indiana capital.

Early-round games had been scheduled at 13 predetermined sites across the country, with regionals in Minneapolis, Denver, Memphis, Tennessee, and New York City, with the First Four in Dayton, Ohio.

The NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Committee determined moving those to one location would allow a safe and controlled environment with venues, practice facilities, lodging and medical resources all near one another.

"Trying to run an event of 68 teams, 67 games over the course of three weeks in a safe and responsible way really needed to be managed in a much controlled, singular environment," NCAA senior vice president of basketball Dan Gavitt told NCAA.com.

"The committee has made a really sound decision here, disappointing as it is to go away from our valued hosts for 13 different sites from First Four through the regionals," he said. "Condensing this to one geographic area that we can do it in a more safe and responsible way is where we need to be."

The NCAA set a Nov. 25 start date for the season as it tries to bounce back from the two lucrative tournaments being canceled last spring due to the coronavirus pandemic. Cancellation of the NCAA Tournament led to a $375 million shortfall in revenue distributed to member institutions, putting a huge strain on athletic departments across the country.

Schools have scrambled to fill schedules while the coronavirus has wreaked havoc on college football, causing the cancellation of more than 60 games. Multiple basketball programs are currently on pause due to COVID-19 and the Ivy League announced last week the cancellation of winter sports, including men's and women's basketball.

Gavitt said there is no plan to change the Nov. 25 start date and the plan is for the NCAA Tournament to be played in March and April as scheduled. No determination has been made on whether fans will be allowed, a decision that will also face individual conferences as their tournaments approach in March.

NCAA President Mark Emmert earlier floated the idea of playing the NCAA Tournament in a bubble after the NBA and NHL managed to complete their seasons with similar setups.

It might be a while before the women's basketball committee decides what it wants to do with the tournament. Since 2015, the first two rounds have been played on home campuses of the top 16 seeds. Those aren't known until Selection Monday, so there are no predetermined sites.

Even during shaky season, Prater has been big for Lions

By NOAH TRISTER
Associated Press

DETROIT — The Detroit Lions have won four games this season, and three of those victories came via the foot of Matt Prater.

The veteran kicker has been shaky at times this year, but he has already made a trio of game-ending kicks.

The latest was the most spectacular of the bunch, a 59-yard field goal on the final play that gave Detroit a 30-27 victory over Washington on Sunday.

Prater has missed six field goals in 2020, one more than he did last season. But in addition to Sunday's winner, he also beat Arizona with a 39-yard field goal on the final play in September. Last month, Prater made an extra point with no time remaining for a 23-22 win at Atlanta – and that kick had been pushed back 15 yards because of a penalty.

"Hopefully, I haven't changed too much," Prater said after Sunday's game. "It's just after missing a few and kind of getting back to the basics, and figuring out what was going on, and I kind of addressed that, and I had a better week of practice."

Prater's kick came after Detroit blew a 21-point third-quarter lead against Washington. It was an exciting finish between two struggling teams, but a game that ended up being closer than the Lions probably wanted after they appeared to be in control.

The victory gave Detroit its first home win in over a year, but did little to dispel some of the criticism that's been aimed at the team lately.

"We're always trying to teach – no matter we win, we have a good game or a poor game," coach Matt Patricia said. "I think there's always opportunity for us to teach and coach and try to improve, and the players do a great job of that. ... I think everyone expects to learn things when you don't play well, but I think there's a lot that you can learn from when you do play well."

What's working

Detroit's offensive line held up well against Washington's tough defensive front. Matthew Stafford was sacked only once, and the Lions averaged 5.0 yards per carry on the ground.

"They did an outstanding job," Stafford said. "That's as good of a front talent-wise as we're going to play in the NFL. They've got five dudes that were drafted in the first round and all get after the quarterback. I thought our guys started the game great."

What needs help

This was not a good performance by the Detroit defense. Washington finished with 34 first downs and 464 yards of offense. The Lions stiffened in their own territory in the first half, allowing only three points, but in the final two quarters, Washington went on drives of 82, 84, 66 and 66 yards, scoring three touchdowns and a field goal on its last four possessions.

Stock up

Rookie D'Andre Swift has shown promise at times this season, and the Lions did a good job keeping him involved Sunday. He had 81 yards on 16 carries and also contributed five catches for 68 yards and a touchdown.

"I think one of the things I just thought was great was his overall toughness that you could see," Patricia said. "We know he's a tough guy. He plays extremely hard, and he plays with a lot of energy. Some of the plays he made I thought were really smart, too."

Stock down

It was a quiet game for tight end T.J. Hockenson, Detroit's leading receiver. He had two catches for 13 yards.

Injured

Patricia did not give an update on Stafford's throwing hand, which bothered the quarterback but did not prevent him from finishing the game. Receiver Danny Amendola (hip) left the game and there was no update on his status either Monday.

Key number

78 – Career sacks for defensive end Everson Griffen, who had his first since being acquired by Detroit in a trade with Dallas last month.

Next steps

Detroit plays at Carolina next Sunday. Panthers coach Matt Rhule said quarterback Teddy Bridgewater does not have a serious knee injury. Carolina running back Christian McCaffrey is recovering from a shoulder injury.

"We'll prepare like everybody's playing, and then we'll adjust and go from there," Patricia said. "When you have certainly two dynamic players like those guys are, you better be ready to go."

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Lakeshore's Aidan Jackson dives past St. Joseph's Hudson Lange and scores a touchdown during Saturday night's district fina.

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got nine. Move on, that's all you do in the tournament."

Lakeshore (7-2) may have played its last game of the season. The Lancers were set to travel to top-ranked DeWitt (9-0) for the regional championship, but the MHSAA suspended fall tournaments indefinitely on Sunday due to an emergency order to control the spread of COVID-19. Lakeshore lost to DeWitt 43-6 in the final game of the regular season.

St. Joseph (7-2) trailed 14-0 entering the fourth quarter, but scored on the first play of the period on a 14-yard pass from Troy Pratley to Griffin Shinrock, trimming the margin to 14-7.

The Bears quickly forced a punt, but their drive ended after three plays when Pratley's long ball for Shinrock was picked off by Lakeshore's Grant Ruddell at his own six-yard line.

Lakeshore was unable to move the ball from deep in its own territory, and a punt gave St. Joseph the ball back at the Lancers' 43. Pratley rushed for seven yards on a fourth-and-3, then followed with a 19-yard run to set up first and goal at the 10. The Bears couldn't move much further, and Pratley's fourth-down pass for Kyle Clark was incomplete.

"We had a guy open in the end zone, hit him right in the hands and unfortunately didn't make the play," St. Joseph coach Andrew Pratley said. "I'm proud of our kids, gave great effort all night long. Defense played amazing. We just came up a little short."

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Lakeshore's JJ Bushu celebrates the Lancers' win over St. Joseph during Saturday night's district final at St. Joseph High School.

Lakeshore ran the clock down to 10 seconds left and lined up to punt on fourth down, but Ruddell, the punter, sprinted backwards 45 yards for a safety to avoid any potential mishaps.

"Coach said just run back for your life, make sure you get in the end zone for a safety," Ruddell said. "No reason to give them a touchdown."

The key play of the first half also came with the Lancers in punt formation. On fourth-and-10 from the St. Joseph 38, Lakeshore faked a punt, snapping the ball directly to upback Landen Thompson, who took off for a 22-yard run.

"We kind of saw something there we thought we could make work," Dock said. "It was a good time to do it, and we had a good guy catching it and running with it."

That led to an eight-yard touchdown run by Treyjen Keim with 40 seconds left in the first half that made it 7-0 at the break.

Aidan Jackson added a 16-yard touchdown run in the third quarter, and led the Lancers with 97 hard-earned yards on 24 carries. Lakeshore finished with just 138 yards of offense, and although that number was skewed by the game-ending safety, they didn't have an easy time moving the ball.

"They totally changed their defense," Dock said. "They went to an odd front. We thought it would be OK, we worked with it one day, but we didn't expect the whole night of it."

Both teams committed two turnovers early on. A fumble by St. Joseph at its own six-yard line was recovered by Lakeshore' Devin Lewis, but the Lancers moved backwards to the 23 before JJ Bushu's pass was picked off by Preston Nichols at the goal line.

RJ Veldman had a sack and a fumble recovery for Lakeshore's defense, and Evin Koeppe had a team-high eight tackles.

"Phenomenal work by our d-line," Ruddell said. "Incredible to put pressure on Pratley all game."

Troy Pratley led the Bears with 20 carries for 66 yards, and was 8-for-14 passing for 62 yards. Malik Immoos was a defensive standout with a team-high 10 tackles, including two big hits for losses.

"I'm just proud of our kids," coach Pratley said. "In a season we didn't know was going to happen, there were a lot of demands on them to do things the right way. We're really going to miss this senior class, they were great leaders. Just a tremendous group of young men and women, they made St. Joseph proud."

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Lakeshore	0	7	7	0 —	14
St. Joseph	0	0	0	9 —	9

Second quarter
L – Treyjen Keim 8 run (Tyler Gates kick), 0:40.

Third quarter
L – Aidan Jackson 16 run (Gates kick), 3:33.

Fourth quarter
SJ – Griffin Shinrock 14 pass from Troy Pratley (Reese Uzelac kick), 11:56.
SJ – Safety, 0:00.
Records – Lakeshore 7-2, St. Joseph 7-2.

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That's a list that would include Tom Kite and Lanny Wadkins, Fred Couples and Davis Love III. Going into the Masters, the 36-year-old Johnson had them all beat because of 23 wins on a PGA Tour that has never been deeper, and the number of chances he had in other majors. He has the career Grand Slam of silver medals.

Now he has two majors, still not as many as his talent would suggest, but a start. And he wants more.

"I want to get to No. 3 first," Johnson said. "I dream of winning a lot of majors. Just hasn't quite happened yet. Hopefully, this one will help give me a little spring."

The other part of validation was his reputation as a closer.

No one wants to be perceived as the player who can't hold a lead. Johnson could sense that was the reputation he was developing. He said as much in his news conference when he began with, "I'm sure a lot of you all think" before he switched gears to say "there were doubts in my mind, just because I had been there."

It was a surprising concession from Johnson, who is not easily bothered. For so many years, one of his greatest assets was a short memory.

The day after he shot 82 in the final round of the 2010 U.S. Open at Pebble Beach when staked to a three-shot lead, he could be found in his boat off the Florida coast without giving it a second thought.

One of the most crushing losses was the 2015 U.S. Open at Chambers Bay. He went from a 12-foot eagle putt for the win to a three-putt par to finish one shot behind. Johnson headed to Idaho that night. The next morning Wayne Gretzky, his de facto father-in-law, led a group out to play golf.

On the second hole, Gretzky said a cart was zipping down the fairway toward them. It was Johnson, asking why they went out to play without him.

"If I had lost Game 7 in the Stanley Cup Finals, the last place I would be the next morning is on the ice," Gretzky said.

Amazing resiliency.

But the mishaps were mounting. There was the two-shot penalty for grounding his club in sandy soil that was deemed a bunker at Whistling Straits, costing him a playoff spot at the 2010 PGA Championship. There was his third-round 77 at Shinnecock Hills in the 2018 U.S. Open. He might never know why his 5-iron flew the 16th green at Bethpage Black in the PGA Championship last year when he was on the cusp of a great comeback.

And it had to sting this year when he had a one-shot lead going into the final round of the PGA Championship at Harding Park. Brooks Koepka was two shots back and noted his four majors. "He's only won one," he added.

That explains why one member of his team said his victory at East Lake to win the FedEx Cup was "big for credibility."

Far greater satisfaction came from the stage of too many close calls. Five holes into the final round, Johnson's four-shot lead was down to one. And then he delivered the key shot, an 8-iron down the slope to a pin tucked on the corner shelf. He made the 6-foot birdie putt and was on his way.

And now he can't wait for the next one, only five months away.

It will be the shortest time any Masters champion gets to keep the green jacket with him. Johnson knows one will always be waiting for him in the locker room at Augusta.

Chris Paul acquired by Phoenix from Oklahoma City

By TIM REYNOLDS
AP Basketball Writer

All-Star guard Chris Paul is being traded from the Oklahoma City Thunder to the Phoenix Suns, where he'll play alongside one of the league's most dynamic young scorers in fellow All-Star Devin Booker, a person with knowledge of the situation said Monday.

The Thunder are acquiring Ricky Rubio, Kelly Oubre, Jalen Lecque, Ty Jerome and a first-round pick that will be conveyed sometime between 2022 and 2025, said the person who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Rubio reacted to the trade news with a tweet: "... what a business," he wrote.

It is a huge leap for the Suns, who went 8-0 inside the NBA's restart bubble at Walt Disney World in a futile quest to make the playoffs. Paul is owed about $41 million for this season and has a $44 million player option for next season, which was too much of an impediment for other teams that considered acquiring him last summer.

The Suns, however, deemed it worth the risk. They haven't made the playoffs since a run to the Western Conference finals in 2010.

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swimming teams had swimmers set to compete in the state finals this weekend.

Though weather isn't an issue for an indoor sport like swimming, both St. Joseph coach Janet Beemer and Bridgman coach Emily Nannfeldt were concerned about the impact of a layoff of three weeks or more on conditioning.

"If nobody can swim, and then they all of a sudden have this state meet, it doesn't make sense to me," Nannfeldt said.

Winter sports seasons will also be delayed. Girls basketball and competitive cheer were able to practice last week, with boys basketball, wrestling and bowling set to join them on Monday before the shutdown. Games would've started in December, but are now likely to be pushed back further.

"If we're able to start on the 9th, December might be a practice month," Younger said.

Despite all the challenges that have come with playing sports during a pandemic, Younger was pleased that so much of the fall season was able to take place.

"I'm thankful for what we were able to do in the fall," he said. "We really got in about 80 to 90 percent of what they would have.

"I'm just happy our teams and our coaching staff followed the protocols. There's been very little transmission from player-to-player or student-to-student. I feel good we would be able to do the same here in winter."

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	7	3	0	.700	272	265
Miami	6	3	0	.667	251	182
New England	4	5	0	.444	189	211
N.Y. Jets	0	9	0	.000	121	268

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	6	3	0	.667	242	177
Tennessee	6	3	0	.667	249	235
Houston	2	7	0	.222	200	252
Jacksonville	1	8	0	.111	199	271

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	9	0	0	1.000	271	171
Baltimore	6	3	0	.667	244	165
Cleveland	6	3	0	.667	216	244
Cincinnati	2	6	1	.278	204	250

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	8	1	0	.889	286	183
Las Vegas	6	3	0	.667	255	241
Denver	3	6	0	.333	186	254
L.A. Chargers	2	7	0	.222	226	245

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Phila.	3	5	1	.389	203	232
N.Y. Giants	3	7	0	.300	195	236
Dallas	2	7	0	.222	204	290
Washington	2	7	0	.222	180	218

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	7	2	0	.778	271	213
Tampa Bay	7	3	0	.700	296	226
Atlanta	3	6	0	.333	243	251
Carolina	3	7	0	.300	233	272

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	7	2	0	.778	277	224
Chicago	5	4	0	.556	178	190
Detroit	4	5	0	.444	227	267
Minnesota	3	5	0	.375	217	234

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	6	3	0	.667	266	210
L.A. Rams	6	3	0	.667	216	168
Seattle	6	3	0	.667	290	266
San Francisco	4	6	0	.400	238	234

Thursday's Game

Indianapolis 34, Tennessee 17

Sunday's Games

Cleveland 10, Houston 7
Detroit 30, Washington 27
Green Bay 24, Jacksonville 20
N.Y. Giants 27, Phila. 17
Tampa Bay 46, Carolina 23
Arizona 32, Buffalo 30
Las Vegas 37, Denver 12
Miami 29, L.A. Chargers 21
L.A. Rams 23, Seattle 16
New Orleans 27, San Francisco 13
Pittsburgh 36, Cincinnati 10
New England 23, Baltimore 17
Open: Kansas City, N.Y. Jets, Atlanta, Dallas

Monday's Game

Minnesota at Chicago

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

AP Top 25

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Alabama (60)	6-0	1548	1
2. Notre Dame (1)	8-0	1467	2
3. Ohio St. (1)	3-0	1445	3
4. Clemson	7-1	1355	4
5. Texas A&M	5-1	1240	5
6. Florida	5-1	1222	6
7. Cincinnati	7-0	1198	7
8. BYU	8-0	1094	8
9. Indiana	4-0	997	10
10. Wisconsin	2-0	950	13
11. Oregon	2-0	949	11
12. Miami	7-1	940	9
13. Georgia	4-2	824	12
14. Oklahoma St.	5-1	750	14
15. Coastal Carolina	7-0	557	15
15. Marshall	7-0	557	16
17. Iowa St.	5-2	498	17
18. Oklahoma	5-2	497	18
19. Northwestern	4-0	378	23
20. Southern Cal	2-0	377	20
21. Liberty	8-0	307	22
22. Texas	5-2	296	21
23. Auburn	4-2	187	24
24. Louisiana-Lafayette	7-1	177	25
25. Tulsa	4-1	155	-

Others receiving votes: North Carolina 101, SMU 20, Utah 17, Washington 15, Arizona St. 9, Boise St. 6, San Jose St. 5, Appalachian St. 5, Nevada 3, Iowa 2, Buffalo 1, UCF 1.

Conference Standings

Atlantic Coast Conference

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Notre Dame	7	0	249	133	8	0	301	133
Clemson	6	1	314	156	7	1	363	156
Miami	6	1	235	184	7	1	266	198
North Carolina	6	2	345	246	6	2	345	246
NC State	5	3	268	271	5	3	268	271
Virginia Tech	4	3	250	208	4	4	285	246
Wake Forest	3	3	209	194	4	3	275	208
Boston College	4	4	216	221	5	4	240	242
Pittsburgh	3	4	166	184	4	4	221	184
Virginia	3	4	194	216	3	4	194	216
Georgia Tech	2	4	129	229	2	5	150	278
Duke	1	6	152	240	2	6	205	259
Florida St.	1	6	135	265	2	6	176	289
Louisville	1	6	188	217	2	6	223	238
Syracuse	1	6	125	211	1	7	146	249

Big Ten Conference

East

	W	L	PF	PA
Indiana	4	0	135	77
Ohio St.	3	0	139	69
Maryland	2	1	83	106
Michigan	1	3	105	138
Michigan St.	1	3	61	135
Rutgers	1	3	106	136
Penn St.	0	4	102	139

West

	W	L	PF	PA
Northwestern	4	0	112	56
Wisconsin	2	0	94	18
Purdue	2	1	75	71
Iowa	2	2	124	59
Nebraska	1	2	60	96
Illinois	1	3	68	137
Minnesota	1	3	116	143

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 — Buddhism
4 Scribbles down
8 Corn leftover
11 Does well
13 No future — —
14 Imitate
15 Wonders
17 Glove sz.
18 Element in salt
19 New drivers, mostly
21 Attempt
22 Big laugh
23 Alliances
26 Tom Mix movies
29 Uh-huh
30 Ait
31 Gold Medal org.
33 Cigar residue
34 Mme.'s daughter
35 Ad award
36 Elvis' hometown
38 Ditch
39 Hirt and Gore
40 Prickly husk (var.)
41 — la vista!
44 Tough to outwit
48 Season
49 Polaris (2 wds.)
52 Mr. Roach
53 Trot or gallop
54 Tale
55 Woof!
56 Gaslight and Big Band
57 Chop weeds

DOWN

1 Microwaves
2 Nymph who pined away
3 Requirement
4 Use a crowbar
5 Clock numeral
6 Sardine holder
7 Law
8 Made an appearance
9 Raise the lid
10 Bases
12 Tattle
16 Yours and mine
20 Scratch out a living
22 Connecticut campus
23 Lose — — whisker
24 For fear that
25 Surfing mecca
26 Peace Prize city
27 Small brook
28 Agronomy concern
30 Misfortunes
32 Affectedly modest
34 Mixture
35 Polite bow
37 Reassure Rover
38 Erupt
40 Quilt stuffing
41 Merry sound (hyph.)
42 Food additive
43 Person's nature
45 Beehive State
46 Luau staple
47 Coastal flyer
50 Dory mover
51 Narrow inlet

Answer to Previous Puzzle

A	F	T	■	P	O	R	K	■	C	A	R	T
C	I	A	■	A	R	I	A	■	O	R	E	O
I	L	K	■	P	L	A	T	■	C	A	N	T
D	E	E	J	A	Y	■	E	L	O	P	E	S
S	T	R	A	Y	■	■	B	A	A	■	■	■
■	■	■	M	A	C	A	W	S	■	H	A	H
E	A	S	E	■	H	U	E	■	S	O	D	A
L	P	N	S	■	A	N	A	■	P	S	S	T
S	T	E	■	E	N	T	R	E	E	■	■	■
■	■	A	S	K	■	■	■	T	A	C	I	T
I	C	K	I	E	R	■	C	H	R	O	M	E
N	O	I	R	■	A	G	U	A	■	A	B	S
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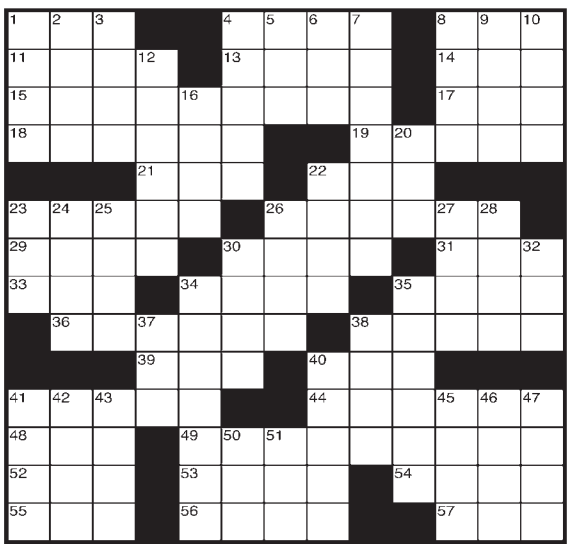

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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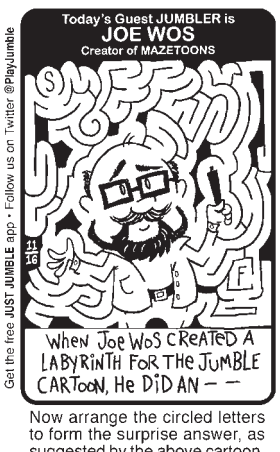
CIJEU

MLHEBU

GLANLO

Today's Guest JUMBLER is JOE WOS
Creator of MAZETOONS



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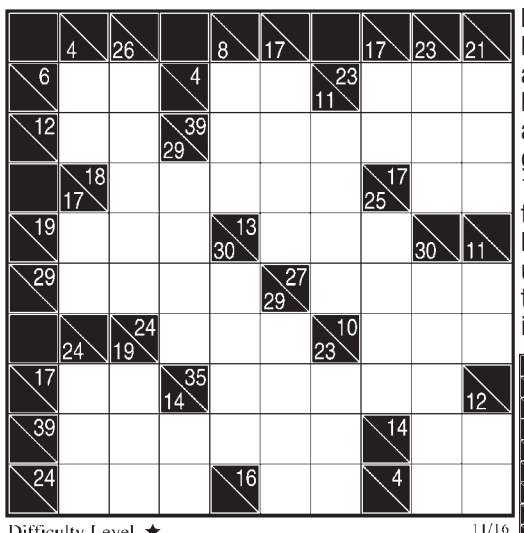
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

"○-○○○○-○○○" ○○○

(Answers tomorrow)

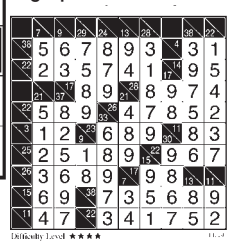
Saturday's Jumbles: QUOTA FLUSH STIGMA MINGLE
Answer: The carpenter shopped for a new hammer that would be — TOUGH AS NAILS

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★ 11/16

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



Difficulty Level ★★★★ 11-3

BRIDGE

Sushma Swaraj, who was an Indian politician and a Supreme Court lawyer, said, "My best and most trustworthy friend is my husband. I trust him more than I trust myself."

That ought to apply to bridge defenders. Each must play the right cards to give partner accurate information. If one doesn't, and partner misdefends, it will badly undermine the partnership's effectiveness.

In today's deal, South is in one no-trump. What happened after West led a fourth-highest heart four?

South starts with five top tricks: four spades (given the 3-2 split) and one heart. He can establish three diamond winners but might lose too many tricks first.

The first trick went heart four, two, 10 (bottom of touching honors when playing third hand high), three. East returned the heart six (original fourth-highest): ace, seven, nine. South cashed his four spade winners ending on the board. (West threw the club eight and the diamond three, and East parted with the club six.) Then declarer called for the diamond six. East ducked this trick but had to take the second diamond.

East switched to a club, and West took four tricks: his club and heart honors. But South had the rest for his contract.

West had blocked the heart suit. The first trick marked East with the heart jack (otherwise, declarer would have won with that card, not the ace). So West should have dropped his heart king under South's ace. Then the defenders could have taken four hearts, one diamond and two clubs without difficulty.

North 11-16-20
♠ Q 9 8 3
♥ 9 2
♦ Q J 8 6
♣ J 9 5

West
♠ 5 2
♥ K Q 7 4
♦ 7 4 3
♣ A K 8 3

East
♠ J 10 7
♥ J 10 8 6 5
♦ A 5 2
♣ 6 4

South
♠ A K 6 4
♥ A 3
♦ K 10 9
♣ Q 10 7 2

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: North-South

South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 4

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

2	9	4		7	1	6		
	8				2	1	7	9
7	1		8	6	9			5
3				9				
	4						5	
				3				6
1			7	8	3		6	4
4	2	7	9				1	
		6	2	1		5	9	7

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

9	5	2	1	4	3	7	8	6
7	6	8	2	9	5	1	4	3
1	3	4	6	8	7	5	9	2
4	1	3	8	5	9	6	2	7
5	9	6	3	7	2	4	1	8
2	8	7	4	6	1	3	5	9
6	7	5	9	2	4	8	3	1
8	2	1	5	3	6	9	7	4
3	4	9	7	1	8	2	6	5

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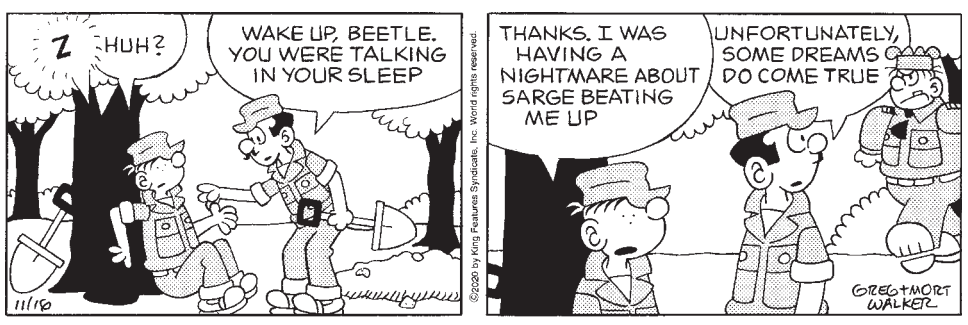
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HUH?
WAKE UP, BEETLE. YOU WERE TALKING IN YOUR SLEEP
THANKS. I WAS HAVING A NIGHTMARE ABOUT SARGE BEATING ME UP
UNFORTUNATELY, SOME DREAMS DO COME TRUE
GREG+MORT WALKER
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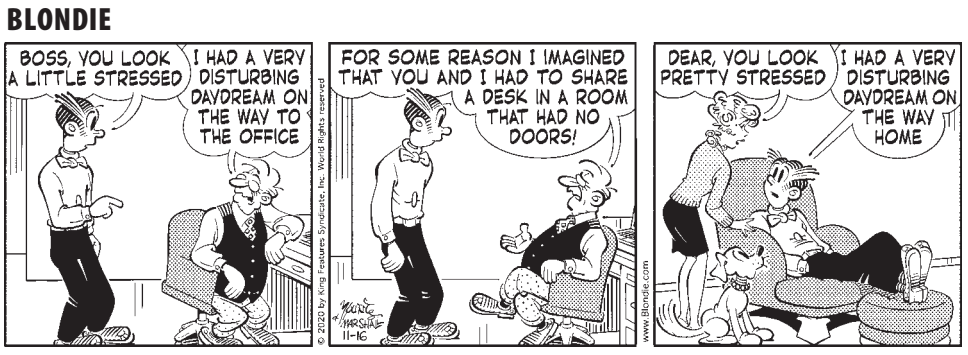
BOSS, YOU LOOK A LITTLE STRESSED
I HAD A VERY DISTURBING DAYDREAM ON THE WAY TO THE OFFICE
FOR SOME REASON I IMAGINED THAT YOU AND I HAD TO SHARE A DESK IN A ROOM THAT HAD NO DOORS!
DEAR, YOU LOOK PRETTY STRESSED
I HAD A VERY DISTURBING DAYDREAM ON THE WAY HOME
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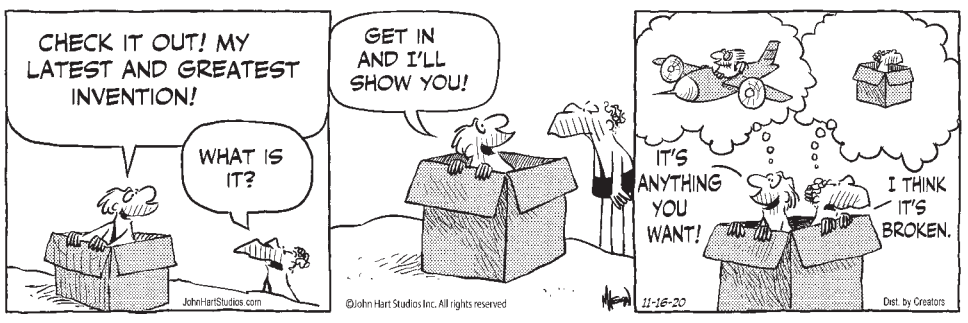
CHECK IT OUT! MY LATEST AND GREATEST INVENTION!
WHAT IS IT?
GET IN AND I'LL SHOW YOU!
IT'S ANYTHING YOU WANT!
I THINK IT'S BROKEN.
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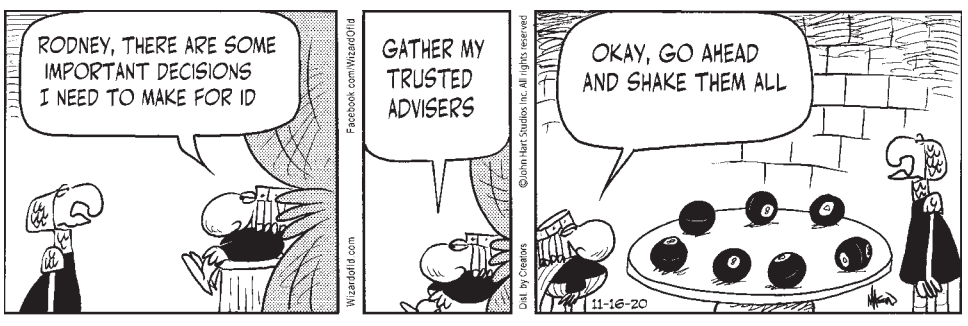
RODNEY, THERE ARE SOME IMPORTANT DECISIONS I NEED TO MAKE FOR ID
GATHER MY TRUSTED ADVISERS
OKAY, GO AHEAD AND SHAKE THEM ALL
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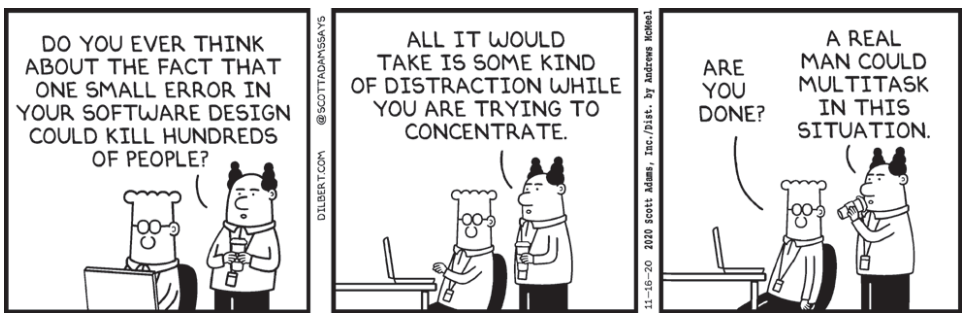
DILBERT


DO YOU EVER THINK ABOUT THE FACT THAT ONE SMALL ERROR IN YOUR SOFTWARE DESIGN COULD KILL HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE?
ALL IT WOULD TAKE IS SOME KIND OF DISTRACTION WHILE YOU ARE TRYING TO CONCENTRATE.
ARE YOU DONE?
A REAL MAN COULD MULTITASK IN THIS SITUATION.
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GARFIELD

THEY SAY BAD THINGS COME IN THREES. WELL, IT'S MONDAY...
IT'S COLD...
ALL WE HAVE IS DECAF
AND THERE WE GO
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FORT KNOX

BEFORE YOU ASK, I DON'T HAVE ANY LUNCH MONEY.
THAT'S OKAY.
IT IS??
I'VE ACCEPTED THAT YOU REFUSE TO PAY YOUR DEBTS.
SO YOU'LL LET IT GO?
YES...
AND PUT A BOUNTY ON YOUR HEAD.
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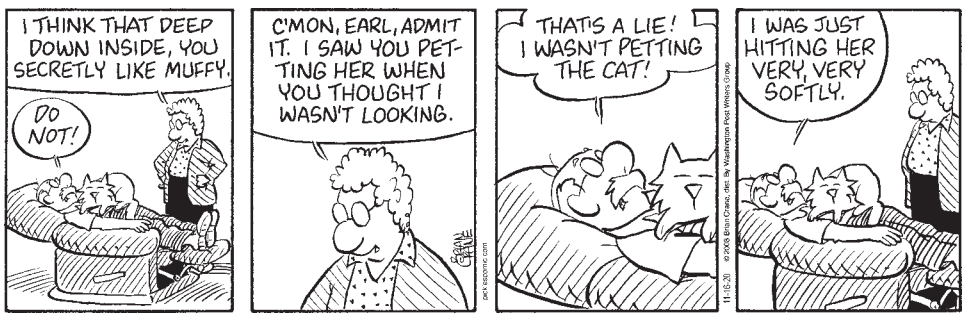
I THINK THAT DEEP DOWN INSIDE, YOU SECRETLY LIKE MUFFY.
DO NOT!
C'MON, EARL, ADMIT IT. I SAW YOU PETTING HER WHEN YOU THOUGHT I WASN'T LOOKING.
THAT'S A LIE! I WASN'T PETTING THE CAT!
I WAS JUST HITTING HER VERY, VERY SOFTLY.
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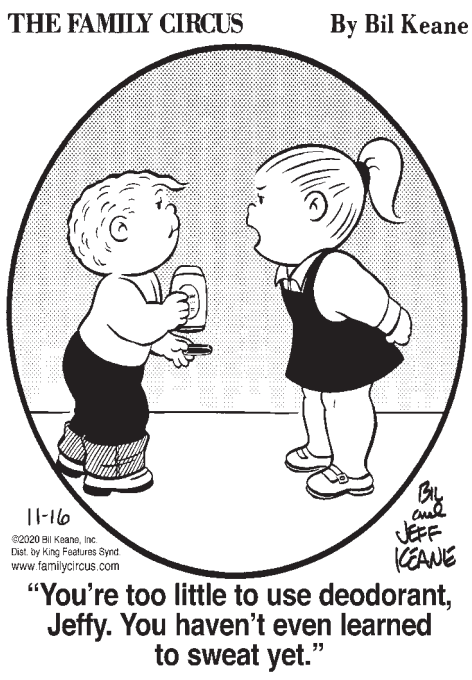
THE FAMILY CIRCUS
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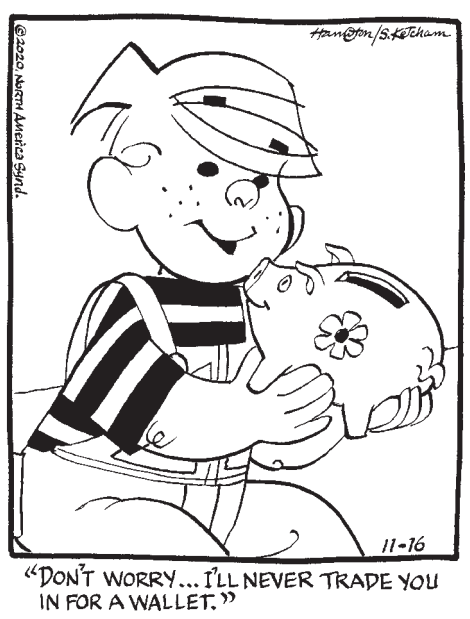
Bil and Jeff Keane
"You're too little to use deodorant, Jeffy. You haven't even learned to sweat yet."

DENNIS THE MENACE



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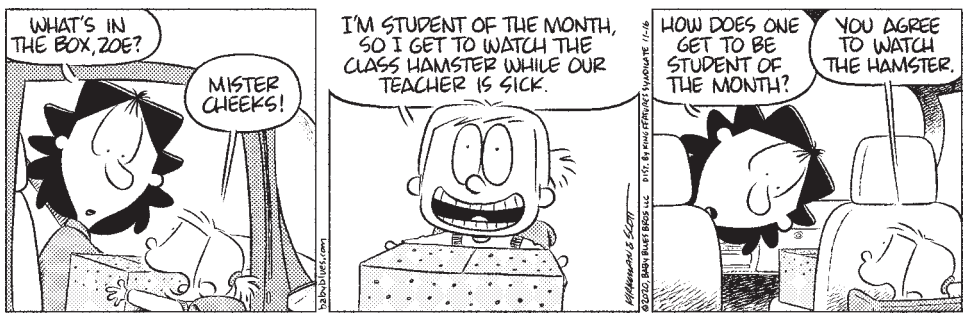
WHAT'S IN THE BOX, ZOE?
MISTER CHEEKS!
I'M STUDENT OF THE MONTH, SO I GET TO WATCH THE CLASS HAMSTER WHILE OUR TEACHER IS SICK.
HOW DOES ONE GET TO BE STUDENT OF THE MONTH?
YOU AGREE TO WATCH THE HAMSTER.
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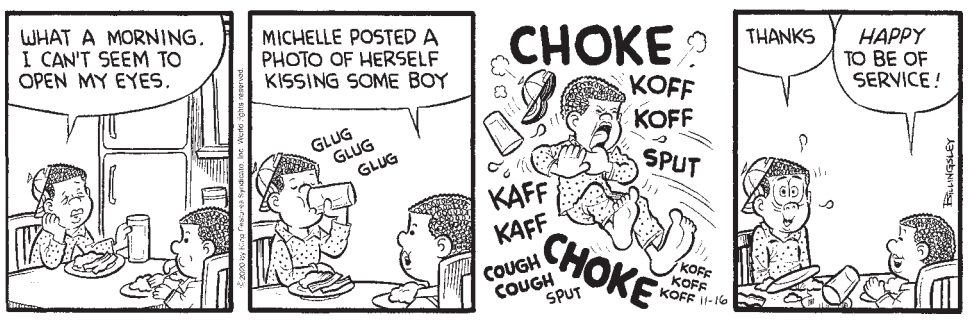
CURTIS



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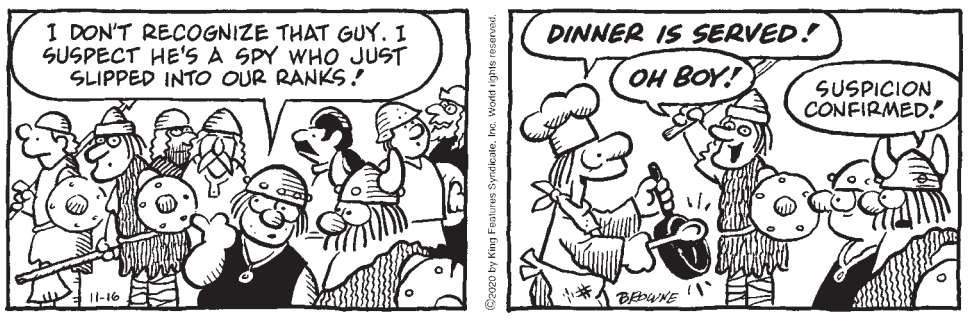
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE


I DON'T RECOGNIZE THAT GUY. I SUSPECT HE'S A SPY WHO JUST SLIPPED INTO OUR RANKS!
DINNER IS SERVED!
OH BOY!
SUSPICION CONFIRMED!
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BROOME
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MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

I'M TERRIFIED OF FLYING
DON'T BE
MORE PEOPLE ARE KILLED ANNUALLY BY DONKEYS THAN AIR CRASHES
I KNOW...I'M REALLY, REALLY TERRIFIED OF DONKEYS
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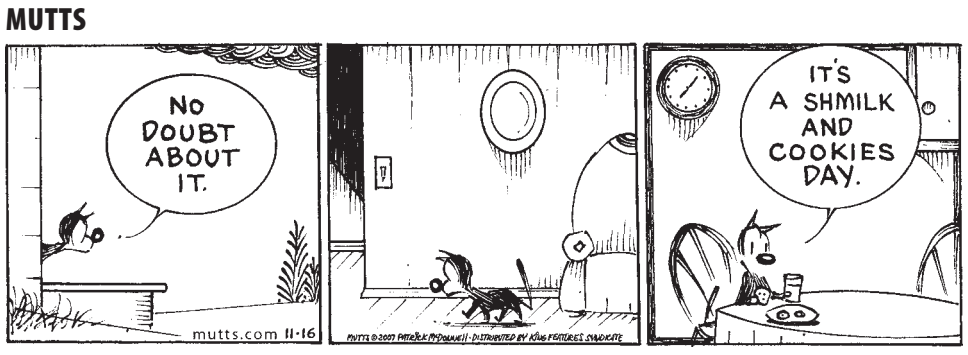
NO DOUBT ABOUT IT.
IT'S A SHMILK AND COOKIES DAY.
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SALLY FORTH

OKAY, AS YOU KNOW WE'RE CELEBRATING THANKSGIVING WITH FAMILY AT SEPARATE TABLES IN THE GARAGE THIS YEAR...
WOW, THAT WAS AWKWARD EXPOSITION.
SO, FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS—COMPLETELY CLEAN OUT THE GARAGE. EVERYTHING MUST GO!
GO WHERE?
WE HAVE THREE OPTIONS—ALREADY-FULL ATTIC, ALREADY-FULL BASEMENT OR NEWLY CREATED SINKHOLE DOWNTOWN.
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KEEFE
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on Parkinson's, life beyond Back to the Future and finding humor in everything
"I'M STILL LUCKY"

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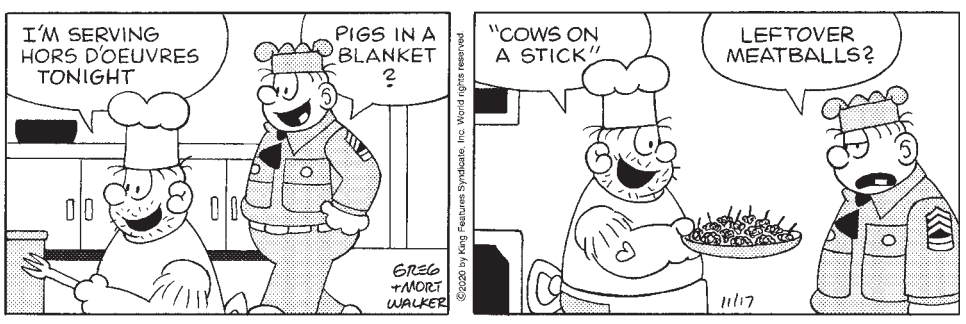
I'M SERVING HORS D'OEUVRES TONIGHT
PIGS IN A BLANKET ?
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"COWS ON A STICK"
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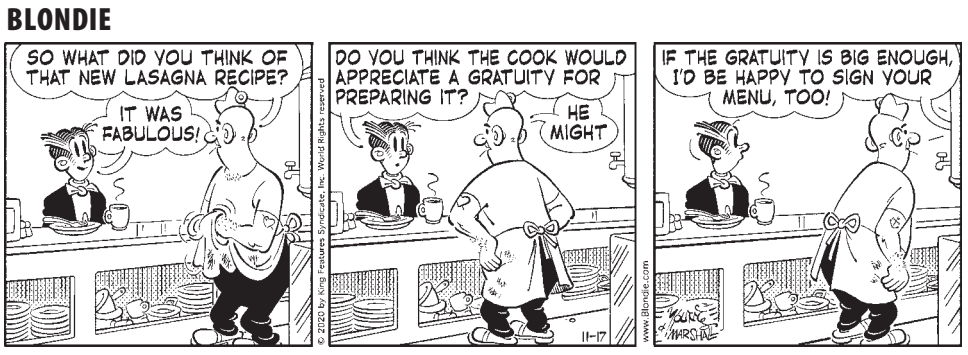
SO WHAT DID YOU THINK OF THAT NEW LASAGNA RECIPE?
IT WAS FABULOUS!
DO YOU THINK THE COOK WOULD APPRECIATE A GRATUITY FOR PREPARING IT?
HE MIGHT
IF THE GRATUITY IS BIG ENOUGH, I'D BE HAPPY TO SIGN YOUR MENU, TOO!
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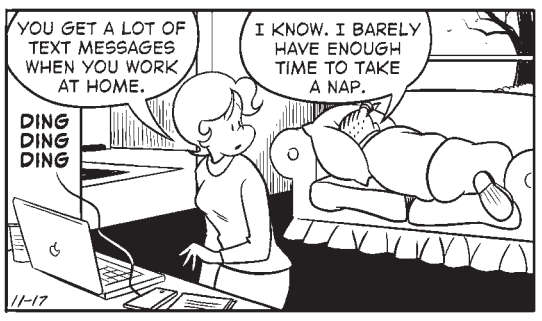

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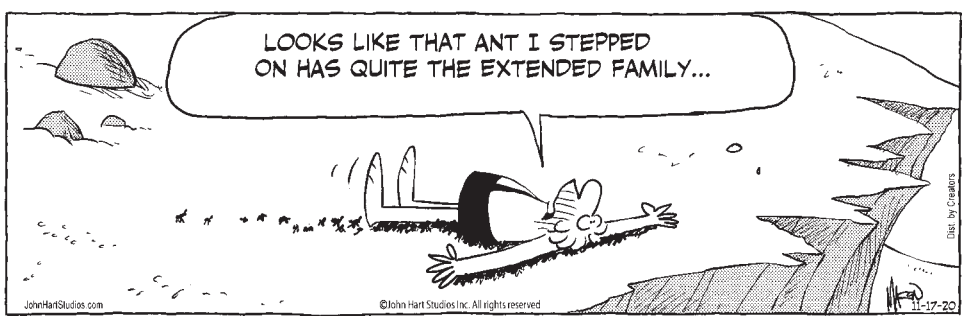
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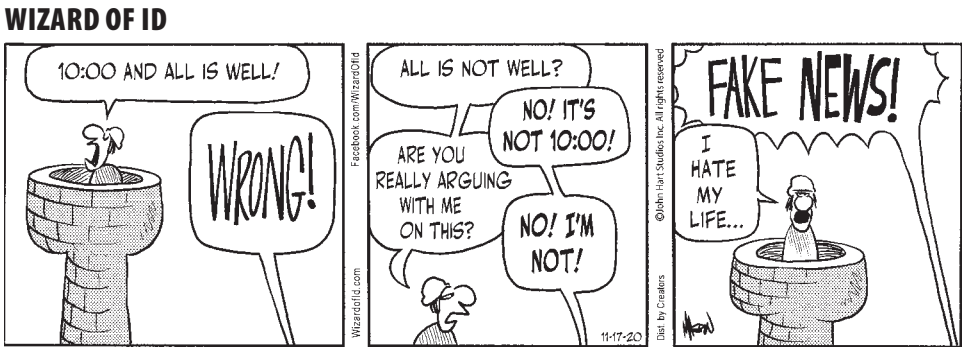

DILBERT

MY NEW HOBBY IS REWRITING SHAKESPEARE'S PLAYS SO THE SENTENCES MAKE SENSE.
DILBERT.COM @SCOTTADAMSSAYS
HE HAD SOME GOOD PLOT IDEAS, BUT I THINK HE WAS DRUNK WHEN HE WROTE THE DIALOGUE.
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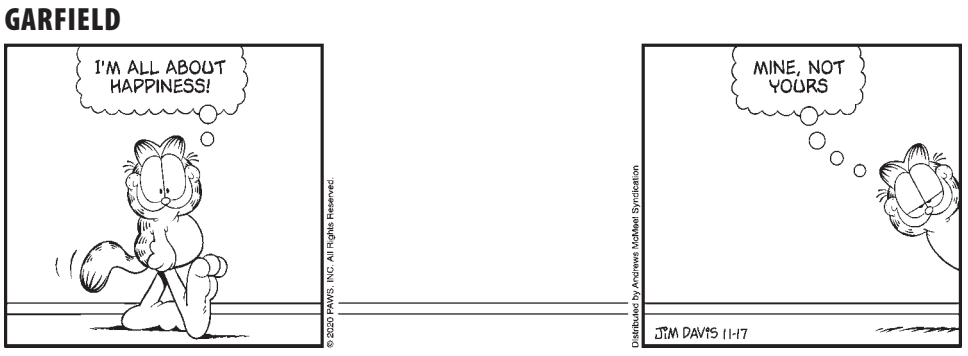
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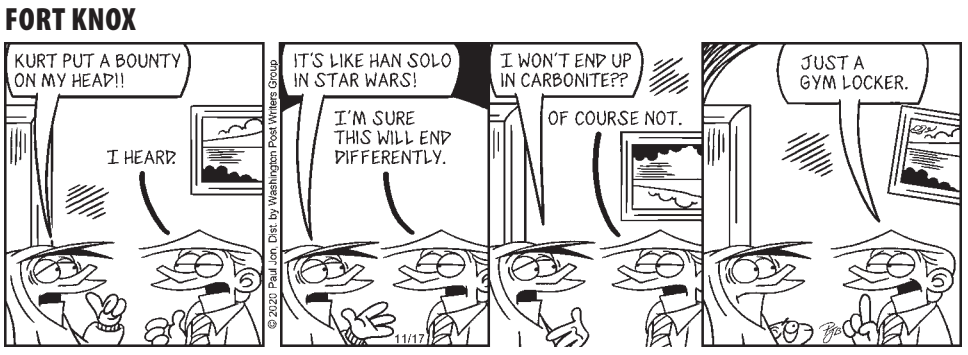
KURT PUT A BOUNTY ON MY HEAD!!
I HEARD.
IT'S LIKE HAN SOLO IN STAR WARS!
I'M SURE THIS WILL END DIFFERENTLY.
I WON'T END UP IN CARBONITE??
OF COURSE NOT.
JUST A GYM LOCKER.
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PICKLES

THE POTATOES IN THIS CLAM CHOWDER TASTE WEIRD.
THAT'S BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT POTATOES. THEY'RE CAULIFLOWER, WHICH IS LOW IN CARBOHYDRATES.
ANYTHING YOU CAN MAKE WITH POTATOES YOU CAN MAKE BETTER WITH CAULIFLOWER.
GREAT. LOOK AT ME. I'M MAKING THE GARBAGE BETTER WITH CAULIFLOWER.
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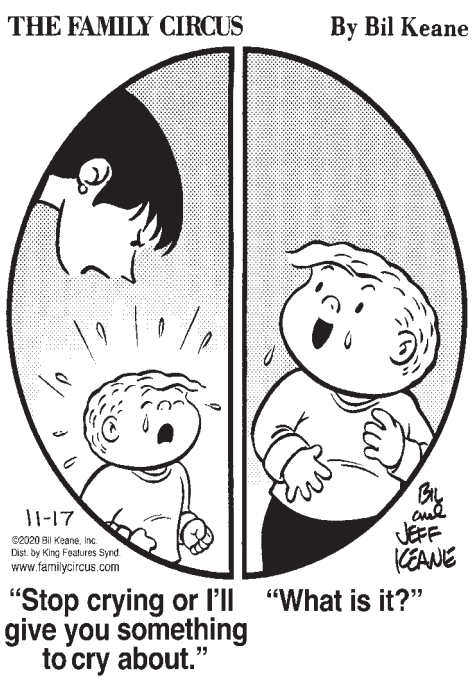
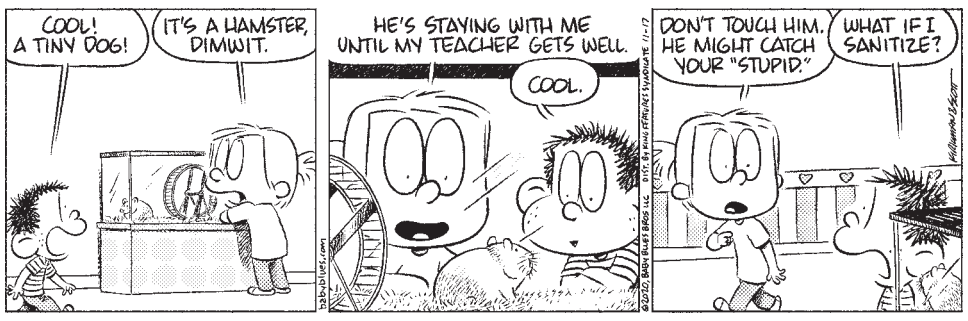


DENNIS THE MENACE

BABY BLUES


COOL! A TINY DOG!
IT'S A HAMSTER, DIMWIT.
HE'S STAYING WITH ME UNTIL MY TEACHER GETS WELL.
COOL.
DON'T TOUCH HIM. HE MIGHT CATCH YOUR "STUPID."
WHAT IF I SANITIZE?
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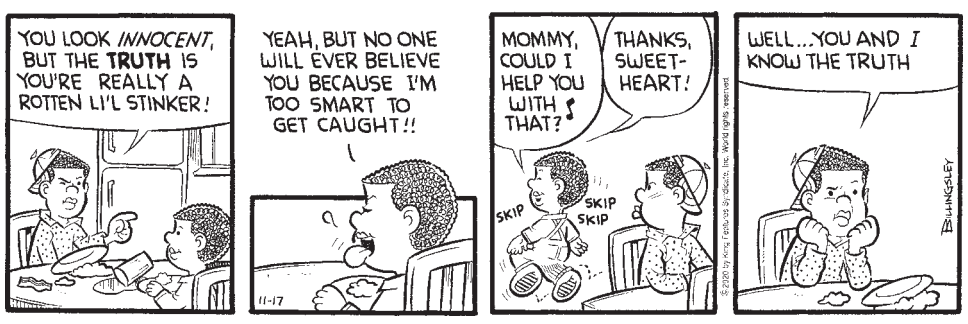
CURTIS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YEAH, BUT NO ONE WILL EVER BELIEVE YOU BECAUSE I'M TOO SMART TO GET CAUGHT!!
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MOMMY, COULD I HELP YOU WITH THAT?
THANKS, SWEET-HEART!
SKIP
SKIP SKIP
WELL...YOU AND I KNOW THE TRUTH
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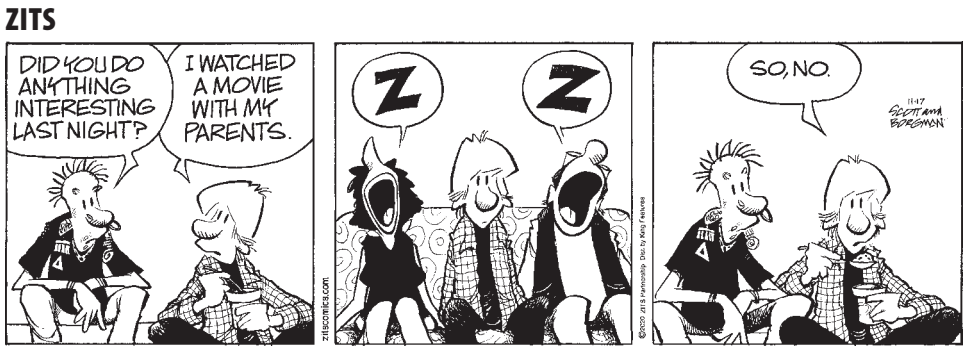

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

HA! POSTCARDS! THIS ONE SAYS "WISHING YOU WERE HERE"!
JAIL CARDS
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SEND IT TO MY GOOD-FOR-NOTHING LAWYER!
JAIL CARDS
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MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

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THESE ARE PAPERBOY BIKES...LOOK AT THE ANTLERS ON THIS ONE
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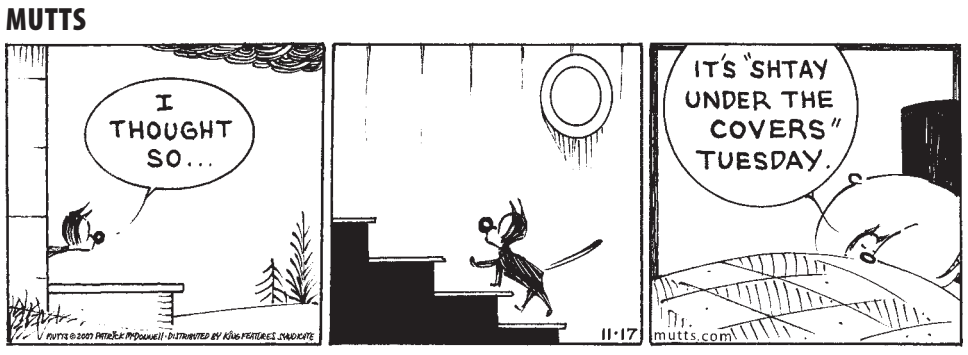
MUTTS



SALLY FORTH

WE NEED THIS GARAGE AS CLEAN AS POSSIBLE FOR THANKSGIVING. SO THROW OUT ANYTHING WE DON'T NEED.
CAN WE CHANGE "DON'T NEED" TO "DON'T WANT"?
ACTUALLY, CAN WE CHANGE "DON'T WANT" TO "MAY NOT POSSIBLY MISS"?
HOW ABOUT INSTEAD OF "MAY NOT POSSIBLY MISS" WE DO "ALREADY HAVE TWO OF"?
OKAY, BUT ONLY IF ONE OF THOSE TWO IS STILL IN ITS ORIGINAL BOX AND-
JUST PUT SOMETHING SOMEWHERE OTHER THAN HERE!
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Terrorists strik
Washington, NY
Pentagon also hit by hijacked airplane, and another plane crashes in Pennsylvania

PRIME TIME TV

TUESDAY EVENING NOV. 17

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	The Bachelorette (N) CC (DVS)				:01 Big Sky "Pilot" (Series (P)) (N)	
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	NCIS A cadaver goes missing.		FBI "Never Trust a Stranger" CC		FBI: Most Wanted Jess' father returns.	
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Hollywood	The Voice "The Knockouts (P)"		This Is Us "Honestly" (N)		:01 Transplant "Under Pressure" (N)	
FOX 17 22 28 32	Modern Family	Cosmos: Possible Worlds		NEXT "FILE 4" (N) CC (DVS)		Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	Steves' Europe	Finding Your Roots With Henry		Rise of the Nazis (N) CC		Frontline (N) CC	
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	Swamp Thing "The Price You Pay" (N)		Tell Me a Story "New Pages" (N)		News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud	Dateline A firefighter is murdered. CC		Chicago P.D. CC (DVS)		Chicago P.D. CC (DVS)	
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	Swamp Thing "The Price You Pay" (N)		Tell Me a Story "New Pages" (N)		King of Queens	King of Queens
WHME 46	:00 Heartland	Heartland "Over and Out" CC (DVS)		Highway to Heaven CC		Nightly News	
WGN 9	News	Behind-Chicago	black-ish	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	:01 Storage Wars	:32 Storage Wars
AMC	Jack Frost ('98)	★★ Four Christmases ('08) Vince Vaughn, Reese Witherspoon. CC				★★ Fred Claus ('07) CC	
Animal	Alaskan	Alaskan Bush People: Wild Life (N)				Yukon Men (N)	
BET	★★ Bringing Down the House			Tyler Perry's Madea's Witness Protection			
Big Ten	:00 Women's College Volleyball			Women's College Volleyball CC			
Bravo	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows	Don't Be Tardy ...	Don't Be Tardy ...	Watch What
Cartoon	Teen	Gumball	Gumball	Burgers	Burgers	American	American
Cinemax	Going in Style ('17)	★★ Tumbledown ('15) Rebecca Hall. CC			:45 ★ This Means War ('12) Reese Witherspoon. CC		
CMT	Last Man	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom
CNBC	S. Smith	Shark Tank CC		Shark Tank		Shark Tank CC	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	Office	Office	Office	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0
Discovery	:00 Moonshiners	Moonshiners (N) CC		:01 Moonshiners "Taming Tickle" (N) CC			
Disney	Raven	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Raven	Raven	Raven
DIY	Off Grid	Building Off the Grid		Building Off the Grid		Building Off the Grid	
E!	Fifty Shades of Grey	:45 ★★ Fifty Shades of Grey ('15) CC					
ESPN	Top 25	College Football Ohio at Miami (Ohio). (N) (L)					
ESPN2	CFB 150	NBA: The Jump		NBA Draft		ESPN Documentaries	
ESPNC	6:00 MLB Baseball			Classic-Boxing		Boxing	
Food	Chopped	Chopped CC		Chopped CC		Supermarket	
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	Tennis	NFL Football: Football Team at Lions					Inside
Freefrm	6:00 ★★★ Cinderella ('15) CC	★★★ Pitch Perfect ('12) Anna Kendrick. College students enter an a cappella competition. CC					
FX	Transformers	★★ Skyscraper ('18, Action) Dwayne Johnson, Neve Campbell, Chin Han. CC				★★ Skyscraper ('18) CC	
Golf	Golf	From the Rough ('13) CC				From the Rough ('13)	
Hallmark	Shoe Addict's	Never Kiss a Man in a Christmas Sweater ('20) Ashley Williams. CC				The Mistletoe Secret ('19) CC	
HBO		His Dark Materials CC		David Byrne's American Utopia ('20) David Byrne. CC			Shop: Unintrp.
History	Oak Island: Digging Deeper			Curse-Island		Beyond Oak Island	
HGTV	Property	Fixer to Fabulous (N)		Fixer to Fabulous (N)		Hunters	Hunt Intl
Learning	Welcome	Fat Fabulous		Fat Fabulous		Welcome	
Lifetime	Rediscovering	A Christmas Winter Song ('19, Drama) Ashanti, Stan Shaw, Sashani Nichole. CC				:03 A Very Vintage Christmas ('19)	
MSNBC	ReidOut	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Grease	Teen Mom 2 (N)		16 and Pregnant (N)		Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Inside	White Sox Rewind From Aug. 17, 2020. (N)					
NFL	NFL Total	NFL Football Teams TBA. (Taped) CC					
Nick	Loud	Sponge.	Sponge.	The Astronauts		Friends	Friends
NGEO	Life Be	Life Below Zero (N)		Primal Survivor (N)		Primal Survivor (N)	
Oxygen	:00 Snapped	Snapped "Kelly Harrod" CC		Snapped A wrathful killer strikes. CC		Snapped A young father is ambushed.	
Parmt	Forget Sarah		★★ We're the Millers ('13) Jennifer Aniston.				
Showtime	The Good Lord Bird	Ray Donovan Romero contacts Ray.		Inside the NFL (N) CC		The Best of All the Smoke	
Starz	6:40 ★★★ The Missing ('03) Tommy Lee Jones. CC			The Spanish Princess CC		:01 ★★★ Meet the Parents	
STZENC	6:54 ★★ Think Like a Man ('12) Michael Ealy. CC			★★ Waitress ('07, Comedy-Drama) Keri Russell, Nathan Fillion. CC			
SyFy	6:00 ★★★ The Fifth Element	★★ Hunter Killer ('18) Gerard Butler. A U.S. submarine captain must rescue the Russian president.					
TBS	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	The Misery Index
TCM	MGM Parade	Women Make Film CC		:15 ★★★ Stories We Tell ('12, Documentary) Sarah Polley, Michael Polley.			
TMC	Man on a Ledge	★★ The Upside ('17, Comedy-Drama) Kevin Hart, Bryan Cranston. CC				:05 Waves ('19) Kelvin Harrison Jr.	
TNT	Ocean's 8	★★ The A-Team ('10) Liam Neeson. CC (DVS)					Wolverine
Travel	Dead	The Dead Files "Rest in Doom" (N) CC				The Dead Files (N)	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Everybody Raymond		Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		:02 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
VH1	Martin	Kevin Hart: Laugh		Chappelle	Chappelle	Chappelle	Chappelle
WGN-A	Last Man Standing	NewsNation (N) (L) CC		NewsNation (N) (L) CC		NewsNation (N) (L) CC	

Holidays this year inspire thinking outside the gift box

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: With the holidays fast approaching, I'm starting to think about shopping. Honestly, I'm tired of shopping for adults who don't need anything. Finding gifts for them becomes more daunting each year. I think gift cards and direct money are tacky Christmas presents.

Do you think it would be odd to ask my adult children and other family members to select a charity they would like me to donate to instead of buying them gifts that just take up more room? This year has been hard on many people financially, but most of my family members are lucky enough to still be working through everything that has happened. I think charities could use a boost. – New Idea In Florida

DEAR NEW IDEA: I am sure they could. Your idea is terrific, and it reminded me of a letter I printed many years ago, which I have edited because of space limitations. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Like many families, we have wrestled with the "What do we get for people who have everything?" dilemma. Last year, our family finally hit upon a solution. We discussed it with our grandparents. They agreed it would be more charitable for us to give something to people who lack everyday necessities, so we adopted a battered children's shelter. Those little ones are truly refugees. They need everything from toothbrushes and hairbrushes to baby formula and diapers – not to mention toys and games.

To our delight, our neighbors got involved in our project, too. For weeks, on Thursdays, neighbors would leave donations in a sack by their mailbox, and we would pick them up. Our goal was for every child in that shelter to wake up on Christmas morning to find packages of necessities and a few playthings.

The project created so much excitement among our neighbors that we collected enough for two shelters. There were pillows, socks, underwear, bath products, cold medicines, books, towels, baby clothes, etc. Each child also got a large gift basket, including a nonbreakable tree ornament to help him or her remember this holiday.

The cost was small when spread over so many families, but the rewards couldn't have been greater. We felt our project embodied the true spirit of Christmas. It sensitized our children to the needs of others all year long. Because it was one of the best holidays we have ever had, we're repeating the drive again this year. When people join together, everyone CAN make a difference. – Santa's Helpers In Phoenix

DEAR SANTA'S HELPERS: Your signature describes you fittingly. With that in mind, I hope readers will be sensitive to the needs of charities in their local communities this year. Because monies that would ordinarily have been donated to local charities may have been diverted in other directions, many charities are having difficulty raising enough to meet their budgets. Remember, folks, charity begins at home – and by that I mean the communities in which you dwell.

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Parents favor her sister, but is that really helping the sister?

Carolyn Hax

DEAR CAROLYN: I'm wondering whether to make an issue of my parents' blatant favoritism of my younger sister. You'd think I'd be used to it by now, but it still bothers me.

They couldn't help me or my brother with college; when we went to the nearby state school, they considered letting us live at home as a big favor. But my little sister "had anxiety" and the only school she felt comfortable going to was a small private college two hours away.

My brother and I bought our own first cars, but they had to buy her a really safe one – meaning, brand new and expensive – since she's a nervous driver.

They're paying for her whole wedding next year, since, according to them, we could all use a big party. My brother and I got no money for our weddings.

I'm a girl, so you can't even blame simple sexism.

My brother is venting by making snarky comments on their wedding posts. He told me he might skip out on it in protest, saying it's time to finally, publicly, call them out. What do you think? – Not Used to It By Now

DEAR NOT USED TO IT BY NOW: I think you and your brother have a valid complaint. I think he's making his so childishly, he's going to squander much of his moral capital.

And I think you both seem to be missing the fact that the person harmed most by your parents' poor judgment is your sister.

I know, I know, I know – fancy degree, car, wedding, poor poor baby.

Whether there's diagnosed anxiety there or not, though – I leave room for parental dysfunction as the root condition here – your parents' rushing in with stacks of money to pad the corners of all of life's coffee tables is a terrible disservice *to her*.

Buffering kids from the ups and downs of normal life stunts them badly. Your parents may win a battle here and there but not a war against life: It will keep slinging ups and downs at your sister and eventually it will serve up more than your parents can absorb for her.

And when that happens, she will have to process them after never having developed the skills, resourcefulness or self-confidence it takes to do that.

And: She will have to do this without the loving support and camaraderie of siblings, because your parents sacrificed those bonds when they prioritized ... whatever impulse they were serving when they chose to coddle your sister.

About that "whatever": I won't vilify your parents as much as I'm tempted to. Anxious children can terrify and torment their parents, leading to good intentions and unwise choices – which they then rationalize as necessary, which over decades becomes such a habit that they justify throwing an unfair overpriced foofy wedding as noble.

You and your brother have a point, and a lifetime's worth of justified anger. Yes.

But you also have skills and resiliency, right? You navigated a big public university, bought your own cars, threw your own weddings. Please resist petty social media posts and harness your strengths for a healthy response to your unhealthy family.

A good family therapist can work wonders – as can reminding yourself, as you behold the sisterly spectacle: "There but for the grace of God go I."

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ACROSS
1 Covered with frost
4 In what way
7 Cudgel
11 Beluga product
12 Fuel cartel
14 Excess publicity
15 I knew it!
16 Hurry
17 Heavy metal
18 Typical
20 Use a ladder
22 Fabric meas.
23 Heating fuel
24 Truths
27 Run naked
30 Oops! (hyph.)
31 Schusses
32 Wet, soft earth
34 Butterfly catcher
35 Knighted Guinness
36 Spacious
37 Free from tension
39 Adhesive
40 Psychic's power
41 "That's obvious!"
42 Type of computer
45 Not present
49 Door sign
50 Fiendish
52 Charlotte's pride
53 Model — Macpherson
54 "Soft Watches" painter
55 Um's cousins
56 Tarot reader
57 U.N. headquarters locale
58 Kickback

DOWN
1 Persia, now
2 Salmon variety
3 Summer to summer
4 Rookie surfers
5 Translucent gems
6 — Montgomery of jazz
7 Chewing gum base
8 Old harp
9 Savvy about (2 wds.)
10 Curve
13 In an uproar
19 Unfounded notion
21 Business salutation
24 Good times
25 Attention-getter
26 Pigeon coop
27 Twist
28 Paris friends
29 — Vonnegut Jr.
31 Splashed out
33 Pigment
35 Too
36 Long sighs
38 Note
39 Open to all
41 Newspaper, often
42 Dregs
43 Wheel part
44 Carpet thickness
46 Lambs' parents
47 Mad emperor
48 Cookbook qty.
51 UPS truck

Answer to Previous Puzzle

Z	E	N	■	■	J	O	T	S	■	C	O	B
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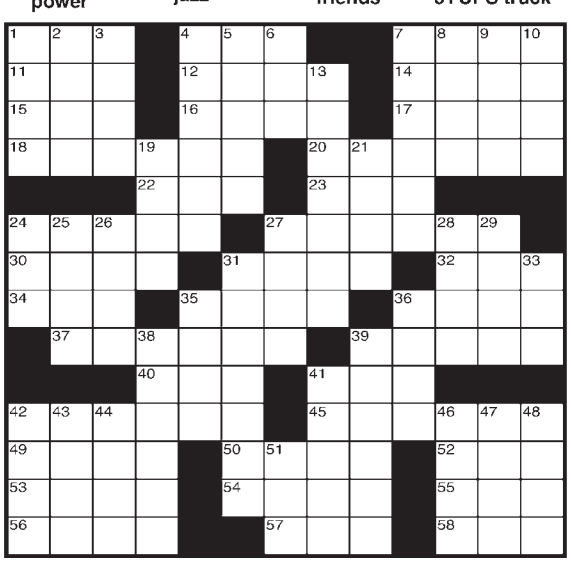

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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RLIDL

TUABEY

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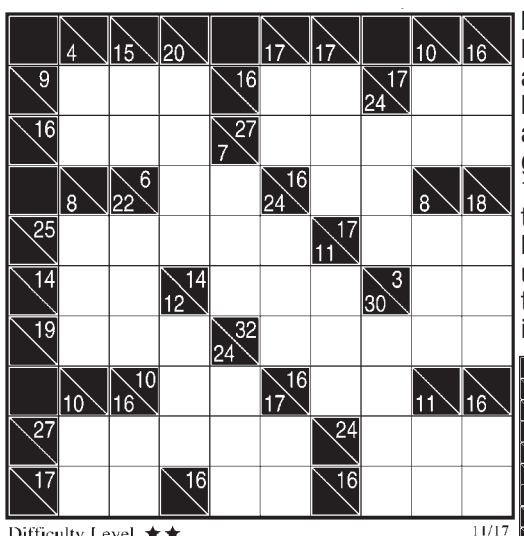
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: PIZZA JUICE HUMBLE GALLON
Answer: When Joe Wos created a labyrinth for the Jumble cartoon, he did an — "A-MAZE-ING" JOB

KAKURO



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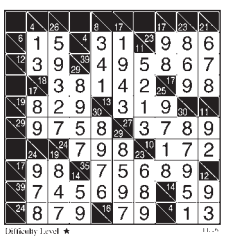
How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



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BRIDGE

In "Macbeth," William Shakespeare wrote, "If it were done, when 'tis done, then 'twere well it were done quickly." That is appropriate for today's deal. What happens in three no-trump after West leads what is purported to be a fourth-highest diamond five?

The auction was straightforward, South showing a balanced 18 or 19 points, and North raising to game.

This deal was played in an online match between two tough American teams. At the table shown, sitting East was Eric Greco, a Rosenblum Cup world team champion in 2010.

Apparently without thought, Greco took the first trick with his diamond ace (not the textbook king, bottom of touching honors when playing third hand high) and returned the diamond six. South, a seven-time national champion, played low. So, Geoff Hampson (West) won with his jack and led his remaining diamond. In this way, Greco and Hampson took four diamonds and one spade to defeat the contract.

Was East nervous that South had started with queen-doubleton of diamonds? No, because West, if he had the J-8-5-3 of diamonds, would have led the three, not the five.

At the other table, the auction was identical, except that East doubled over one spade. Then, East won the first trick with the diamond king before returning the diamond six. The declarer, Bobby Levin, worked out what was happening: He played his queen to win the trick. Levin drove out the spade ace and took the heart finesse to collect one spade, three hearts, one diamond and four clubs.

North 11-17-20
♠ K 8 7 4
♥ 6 2
♦ 10 7 2
♣ A 7 5 3

West
♠ A J 6 5
♥ 9 4 3
♦ J 8 5
♣ 9 4 2

East
♠ 10 3 2
♥ Q 10 8 5
♦ A K 9 6
♣ 10 8

South
♠ Q 9
♥ A K J 7
♦ Q 4 3
♣ K Q J 6

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: North-South

South	West	North	East
		Pass	Pass
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Opening lead: ♦ 5

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

	1	9	2	3	8		5	6
6	3	2			5			
	5			1	9		3	7
			4					
5	9		1	8	2		6	4
					6			
1	2		3	9			8	
			8			7	4	3
8	7		5	6	4	9	2	

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

2	9	4	5	7	1	6	3	8
6	8	5	3	4	2	1	7	9
7	1	3	8	6	9	4	2	5
3	6	1	4	9	5	7	8	2
9	4	8	6	2	7	3	5	1
5	7	2	1	3	8	9	4	6
1	5	9	7	8	3	2	6	4
4	2	7	9	5	6	8	1	3
8	3	6	2	1	4	5	9	7

Red Cross blood donors could win outdoor prize package

By HP STAFF

Heading into the holiday season amid a pandemic, the American Red Cross needs blood donors to ensure patients continue to have access to blood.

As an incentive, anyone who donates blood, platelets or plasma to Red Cross through Dec. 15 will be entered into a drawing for an "Outdoor Living Experience." The prize, courtesy of Suburban Propane, includes a propane-powered pizza oven, fire pit, outdoor heater and a stipend toward propane.

As the U.S. experiences another surge in COVID-19 cases, the Red Cross is increasingly concerned about the nation's blood supply – including convalescent plasma, according to a news release.

A convalescent plasma donation collects plasma from COVID-19 survivors because antibodies to the disease in their blood may help patients who are currently fighting the virus.

Increased hospitalization of patients with coronavirus this fall has caused the Red Cross to distribute a record number of COVID-19 plasma products to hospitals treating patients who are battling the virus, according to the release.

The Red Cross is testing all blood donations for COVID-19 antibodies, which helps provide insight to donors about possible prior exposure to the coronavirus. Donors can expect to receive the results of their antibody test within two weeks.

To make an appointment to donate blood, use the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit www.RedCrossBlood.org or call 800-733-2767.

Upcoming Red Cross blood drives

■ Noon-5:45 p.m. today, Moose Lodge, 1025 Wells St., South Haven.

■ 11 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Wednesday, Chapel Hill United Methodist Church, 4071 Naomi Road, Sodus.

■ 9 a.m.-2:45 p.m. Monday, Van Buren Conference Center, 490 S. Paw Paw St., Lawrence.

■ 11 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Nov. 24, Pleasant View Church of Christ, 60550 Crooked Creek Road, Cassopolis.

■ Noon-5:45 p.m. Nov. 27, Hartford Bible Church, 65418 Red Arrow Highway, Hartford.

■ 11 a.m.-3:45 p.m. Nov. 30, The Anchor Church of God, 5020 Cleveland Ave., Stevensville.

■ 11 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Dec. 2, Silver Beach Center, 333 Broad St., St. Joseph.

■ 11 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Dec. 3, American Legion, 92104 First St., Baroda.

■ 11 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Dec. 3, Masonic Lodge, 3661 E. Napier Ave., St. Joseph.

■ Noon-5:45 p.m. Dec. 8, First Church of Christ, 2240 Yankee St., Niles.

■ Noon-5:45 p.m. Dec. 9, Knights of Columbus, 32373 E. Red Arrow Highway, Paw Paw.

■ 11 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Dec. 15, Silver Beach Center, 333 Broad St., St. Joseph.

Versiti Blood Center of Michigan blood drives

■ Noon-7 p.m. Wednesday, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

■ 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday, Ascension Borgess-Lee Hospital, oncology room, 420 W. High St., Dowagiac.

■ 1-6 p.m. Thursday, VFW, dance floor, 560 N. Phelps St., Decatur.

■ 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

■ 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

■ 1-7 p.m. Monday, Hostetler Metal Sales, meeting room, 58644 Red Arrow Highway, Hartford.

Donors must be at least 17 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds. To find more blood drives, visit www.redcrossblood.org or donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/zip.

I just took COVID-19 vaccine dose No. 2,873. But will it work?

By ROBERT PATRICK
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

ST. LOUIS — I might have been vaccinated for the coronavirus on Nov. 4.

However, I'm equally as likely to have received a 5cc shot that was mostly saline.

As a participant in a vaccine trial being conducted by Washington University in St. Louis, I'm not yet sure when I will find out which.

In the meantime, researchers will monitor participants for side effects through in-person visits and an app, and watch to see who catches coronavirus from exposures in the community.

They will not intentionally expose anyone to the virus as part of the study.

Most side effects show up in the first two days. I was cheering for some, hoping that would mean I got the real vaccine. My arm was slightly sore. That's it.

And before you wonder, I already asked – a sore arm doesn't signal whether I received the placebo or the vaccine. Even the researchers don't know if I got the real stuff.

This is not my first time being a test subject. I tested a bird flu vaccine in 2014, and failed the screening for a Zika vaccine in 2016, both through St. Louis University's Vaccine Center.

Back then, my primary motivation was the hundreds of dollars that they pay participants.

Part of it was also the opportunity to have early access to vaccines. Another part was in response to a notion I sometimes subscribe to, that our bodies need to be challenged by unfamiliar pathogens more often than they are, and that such challenges make us stronger.

I've traveled to dozens of countries around the world, and gotten really, really sick in several. To go to those places, I was often advised to get vaccinated against various diseases rarely seen in the U.S., such as cholera and yellow fever.

Researchers at Washington University told me most people in the study say they want to get a COVID-19 vaccine without having to wait until next year.

That's part of it for me, but an equal or more important reason is to lessen the likelihood that I will bring the coronavirus home to my wife and children.

As a reporter, I cover federal courts and federal law enforcement. I've had the luxury of being able to listen to many court hearings remotely, and to cover many other news stories by phone.

But I have also written plenty of stories that put me in the community. I've covered protests, marches and news conferences. I've interviewed people who don't want to wear a mask, and I've stood next to reporters who felt the same.

I'm no first responder, and others at the paper are often out in public more, but my job does carry an increased risk to my family.

Amanda St. Amand, digital editor at the Post-Dispatch, is also in the Janssen study. She said that getting quicker access to the vaccine "never even crossed my mind."

"This is a horrible illness. I believe in science. We need to do whatever we can to help," she said.

Her children, one of whom is a nurse in Colorado, were supportive. Her husband was wary of the possible side effects.

Her arm was also slightly sore.

Rush to a vaccine

I volunteered for coronavirus vaccine trials at St. Louis University and Washington University, as did St. Amand.

Washington University called me first about a vaccine made by AstraZeneca. We scheduled an appointment for early September, days before it was halted to study possible serious side effects.

The Food and Drug Administration late last month authorized resumption of trials. But Washington University had moved on to a new vaccine – Janssen Pharmaceuticals' JNJ-78436735 or Ad26.COV2.S.

The study is known by the more user-friendly name, ENSEMBLE.

To my knowledge, I received no special consideration as a reporter. I did not discuss with staff that I wanted to write about the trial until the morning I received the dose.

At the initial appointment Wednesday, Washington University checked various vital signs, took blood samples, and I swabbed my own nose. They wanted to know whether I had already been exposed.

I'm in good health. And I've tested negative twice before; once this summer when I had some more uncommon symptoms of the disease, and most recently when I donated blood through the Red Cross.

They told me that I received the 2,873rd dose during this phase-three trial, which largely tests for efficacy. Earlier phases tested the safety of the vaccine candidate and determined if it triggered an immune response at all.

They inject either saline, or 50 billion virus particles.

Janssen was the fourth large-scale vaccine trial to begin in the U.S. The company uses an inactivated common cold virus modified to carry just a part of the SARS-CoV-2 virus – the spike protein that has become ubiquitous in images of the novel coronavirus – to try to trigger an immune response. Janssen uses the same modified cold virus in its Ebola vaccine regimen.

Here's how this study will work: Because researchers won't intentionally expose participants to the coronavirus, the study instead has to use statistics to test the vaccine's effectiveness. Researchers expect that a certain number of people in the trial would normally, as a part of their daily lives, contract the virus from the community. The study will then compare the number of participants who caught the virus with what researchers could statistically expect.

I know some Americans are skeptical of vaccines, don't trust the government and the media, and believe conspiracy theories. As a reporter, I hear from them with some frequency. A woman emailed me earlier this year, for example, repeating claims that she found online – that masks cause coronavirus and that pharmaceutical companies are lying about the virus to try to profit off a vaccine.

There's a small part of me that hopes my experience can help skeptics like her.

Still, personally, it's hard not knowing whether I've been vaccinated, and how effective that vaccine might be.

I can't change my behavior based on this trial and its 50/50 chance. But it might lower my stress level just a little.

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CASE NO.
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TO: Olanna Johnson, the Mother of Legend Newcomb

IN THE MATTER OF:
Child: Legend Newcomb
Mother: Olanna Johnson
Child's date of birth: 9/27/2020
Child's place of birth: Niles, Michigan

A petition requesting the Court to take jurisdiction of the above named minor(s) has been filed in this court.

A hearing on the petition will be conducted by the court on 12/2/2020 at 11:00 a.m. in the Berrien County Courthouse, St. Joseph, Michigan, 49085, Courtroom 405. **This hearing will be held via ZOOM teleconferencing. Please contact the Court for further instruction.**

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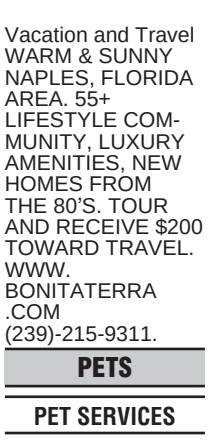

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By EUGENIA LAST

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SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Abide by the rules and avoid trouble. Use common sense in risky situations. Make adjustments where needed. Moderation will be your saving grace.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Take your time, verify facts, talk to experts and focus on practicality. Keep your life simple, moderate and peaceful. Offer others the same freedom you want for yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Don't let a change of plans disrupt your world. Happiness is the perquisite of doing what you enjoy to the best of your ability. Don't look back.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You're on a roll. You can accomplish whatever you set out to do as long as you give your all and do your research. Preparation and fortitude go hand in hand.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Digest what's happening. Choose reason, to avoid jeopardizing your position, health or a meaningful relationship. Excess will lead to uncertainty. Slow down and savor what you have.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A change of heart will lead to a new direction. Don't waste time; put your plans in motion. Be receptive to suggestions from friends and family. Seize a chance to improve your position.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Keep moving. If you dawdle or let someone interfere with your plans, you will miss out on a chance to do something that will lead to self-improvement. Learn from your mistakes.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't disregard an offer or chance to bring about change. You may not relish learning or trying something new, but stick with it. Listen to good advice and proceed with confidence.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Concentrate on fitness, health and getting along with others. Give people the freedom to do as they please. Romance is on the rise. Choose love over discord.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Problems will arise if someone uses emotional manipulation to get their way. Be open and honest regarding your plans, and if someone doesn't want to join in, don't apply pressure.

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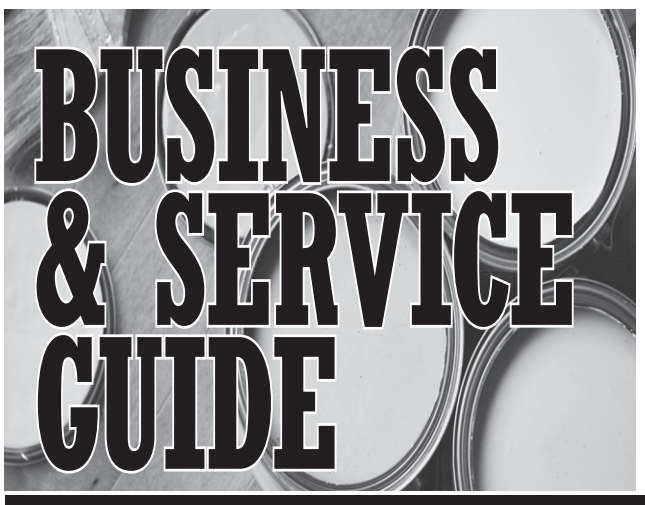

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